

Revisions to Chapter 340, Division 41- Oregon Water Quality Standards

The following sections of OAR 340-041 are not effective for Clean Water Act purposes:

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- 0004(4)(a)
- 0004(4)(b)
- 0007(3)
- 0007(10)(e)
- 0007(17)
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- 0028(1)
- 0028(6)
- 0028(7)
- 0028(9)
- 0028(10)
- 0028(12)(a)
- 0028(12)(b)
- 0028(12)(d)
- 0028(12)(e)
- 0028(12)(f)
- 0028(12)(g)
- 0028(12)(h)(A)-(D)
- 0028(12)(i)
- 0028(12)(j)
- 0061(11)
- 0061(13)

In addition, this document includes information regarding TMDLs, which are not reviewed as water quality standards.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
WATER POLLUTION
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WATER QUALITY STANDARDS:
BENEFICIAL USES, POLICIES, AND CRITERIA FOR OREGON**

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Preface

(1) The rules that follow, together with the applicable laws of the State of Oregon and the applicable regulations of the Environmental Quality Commission (the Commission), set forth Oregon's plans for management of the quality of public waters within the State of Oregon.

(2) Under this plan, the Department of Environmental Quality will continue to manage water quality by evaluating discharges and activities, whether existing or a new proposal, on a case-by-case basis, based on best information currently available and within the limiting framework of minimum standards, treatment criteria and policies which are set forth in the plan.

(3) The Commission recognizes that the deadlines for adoption of this plan prevented thorough involvement by local government in the development and review of the plan. Accordingly, the Department will review the contents of this plan with affected local governments and will use their comments and suggestions in preparing amendments for consideration by the Commission not later than December, 1977. At a minimum, the processes of coordination with local governments will consist of the following elements:

- (a) Work with county coordinators to set up meetings to explain the plan to groups of local governments and solicit their comments;
- (b) Provide copies of the plan and supporting documents to any affected local governments who have not already received them;
- (c) Seek input from councils of governments;
- (d) Upon request, visit local level governments to discuss the plan;
- (e) Work with Statewide associations of local governments and others to inform local governments of the plan.

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Definitions

Definitions applicable to all basins unless context requires otherwise:

(1) "401 Water Quality Certification" means a determination made by DEQ that a dredge and fill activity, private hydropower facility, or other federally licensed or permitted activity that may result in a discharge to waters of the State, has adequate terms and conditions to prevent an exceedance of water quality criteria. The federal permit in question may not be issued without this State determination in accordance with the Federal Clean Water section 401 (33 USC 1341).

(2) "Ambient Stream Temperature" means the stream temperature measured at a specific time and place. The selected location for measuring stream temperature must be representative of the stream in the vicinity of the point being measured.

(3) "Anthropogenic", when used to describe "sources" or "warming", means that which results from human activity;

(4) "Applicable Criteria" means the biologically-based temperature criteria set out in OAR 340-041-0028(4), the superseding cold water protection criteria as described in OAR 340-041-0028(12), or the superseding natural condition criteria as described in OAR 340-041-0028(8). In addition, the applicable criteria may also be site-specific criteria approved by U.S. EPA. A subbasin may have a combination of applicable temperature criteria derived from some or all of these numeric and narrative criteria.

(5) "Appropriate Reference Site or Region" means a site on the same water body, or within the same basin or ecoregion that has similar habitat conditions, and represents the water quality and biological community attainable within the areas of concern.

(6) "Aquatic Species" means any plants or animals that live at least part of their life cycle in waters of the State.

(7) "Basin" means a third field hydrologic unit as identified by the U.S. Geological Survey.

(8) "BOD" means 5-day 20°C Biochemical Oxygen Demand.

(9) "Cold-Water Aquatic Life" means aquatic organisms that are physiologically restricted to cold water, including but not limited to native salmon, steelhead, mountain whitefish, char (including bull trout), and trout.

(10) "Cold Water Refugia" means those portions of a water body where, or times during the diel temperature cycle when, the water temperature is at least 2 degrees Celsius colder than the daily maximum temperature of the adjacent well mixed flow of the water body.

(11) "Commission" means the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission.

(12) "Cool-Water Aquatic Life" means aquatic organisms that are physiologically restricted to cool waters, including but not limited to native sturgeon, pacific lamprey, suckers, chub, sculpins and certain species of cyprinids (minnows).

(13) "Core Cold Water Habitat Use" means waters that are expected to maintain temperatures within the range generally considered optimal for salmon and steelhead rearing, or that are suitable for bull trout migration, foraging and sub-adult rearing that occurs during the summer. These uses are designated on the following subbasin maps set out at OAR 340-041-0101 to OAR 340-041-0340: Figures 130A, 151A, 160A, 170A, 220A, 230A, 271A, 286A, 300A, 310A, 320A, and 340A.

(14) "Critical Habitat" means those areas that support rare, threatened or endangered species, or serve as sensitive spawning and rearing areas for aquatic life as designated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or NOAA Fisheries pursuant to the Endangered Species Act (16 USC 1531).

(15) "Daily Mean" (dissolved oxygen) means the numeric average of an adequate number of data to describe the variation in dissolved oxygen

concentration throughout a day, including daily maximums and minimums. For the purpose of calculating the mean, concentrations in excess of 100 percent of saturation are valued at the saturation concentration.

(16) "Department" or "DEQ" means the Oregon State Department of Environmental Quality.

(17) "Designated Beneficial Use" means the purpose or benefit to be derived from a water body, as designated by the Water Resources Department or the Commission.

(18) "DO" means dissolved oxygen.

(19) "Ecological Integrity" means the summation of chemical, physical and biological integrity capable of supporting and maintaining a balanced, integrated, adaptive community of organisms having a species composition, diversity, and functional organization comparable to that of the natural habitat of the region.

(20) "Erosion Control Plan" means a plan containing a list of best management practices to be applied during construction to control and limit soil erosion.

(21) "High Quality Waters" means those waters which meet or exceed those levels that are necessary to support the propagation of fish, shellfish, and wildlife and recreation in and on the water, and other designated beneficial uses.

(22) "Industrial Waste" means any liquid, gaseous, radioactive, or solid waste substance or a combination thereof resulting from any process of industry, manufacturing, trade, or business, or from the development or recovery of any natural resources.

(23) "In Lieu Fee" means a fee collected by a jurisdiction in lieu of requiring construction of on-site stormwater quality control facilities.

(24) "Intergravel Dissolved Oxygen" (IGDO) means the concentration of oxygen measured in the water within the stream bed gravels. Measurements should be taken within a limited time period, prior to emergence of fry.

(25) "Jurisdiction" means any city or county agency in the Tualatin River and Oswego Lake subbasin that regulates land development activities within its boundaries by approving plats, site plans or issuing permits for land development.

(26) "Land Development" means any human induced change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to construction, installation or expansion of a building or other structure, land division, drilling, and site alteration such as that due to land surface mining, dredging, grading, construction of earthen berms, paving, improvements for use as parking or storage, excavation or clearing.

(27) "Load Allocation (LA)" means the portion of a receiving water's loading capacity that is attributed either to one of its existing or future nonpoint sources of pollution or to natural background sources. Load allocations are best estimates of the loading that may range from reasonably accurate estimates to gross allotments, depending on the availability of data and appropriate techniques for predicting loading. Whenever possible, natural and nonpoint source loads should be distinguished.

(28) "Loading Capacity (LC)" means the greatest amount of loading that a water body can receive without violating water quality standards.

(29) "Low Flow Period" means the flows in a stream resulting primarily from groundwater discharge or base flows augmented from lakes and storage projects during the driest period of the year. The dry weather period varies across the State according to climate and topography. Wherever the low flow period is indicated in the Water Quality Management Plans, this period has been approximated by the inclusive months. Where applicable in a waste discharge permit, the low flow period may be further defined.

(30) "mg/l" means milligrams per liter.

(31) "Migration Corridors" mean those waters that are predominantly used for salmon and steelhead migration during the summer, and where there is little or no anadromous salmonid rearing occurring in the months of July and August. These uses are designated on the following subbasin maps set out at OAR 340-041-0101 to OAR 340-041-0340: Tables 101B, and 121B, and Figures 151A, 170A, and 340A.

(32) "Minimum" (dissolved oxygen) means the minimum recorded concentration including seasonal and diurnal minimums.

(33) "Monthly (30-day) Mean Minimum" (dissolved oxygen) means the minimum of the 30 consecutive day floating averages of the calculated daily mean dissolved oxygen concentration.

(34) "Natural Conditions" means conditions or circumstances affecting the physical, chemical, or biological integrity of a water of the State that are not influenced by past or present anthropogenic activities. Disturbances from wildfire, floods, earthquakes, volcanic or geothermal activity, wind, insect infestation, diseased vegetation are considered natural conditions.

(35) "Natural Thermal Potential" means the determination of the thermal profile of a water body using best available methods of analysis and the best available information on the site potential riparian vegetation, stream geomorphology, stream flows and other measures to reflect natural conditions.

(36) "Nonpoint Sources" means any source of water pollution other than a point source. Generally, a nonpoint source is a diffuse or unconfined source of pollution where wastes can either enter into, or be conveyed by the movement of water, to waters of the State.

(37) "Ocean Waters" means all oceanic, offshore waters outside of estuaries or bays and within the territorial limits of the State of Oregon.

(38) "Outstanding Resource Waters" means those waters designated by the Environmental Quality Commission where existing high quality waters constitute an outstanding State or national resource based on their extraordinary water quality or ecological values, or where special water quality protection is needed to maintain critical habitat areas.

(39) "Pollution" means such contamination or other alteration of the physical, chemical, or biological properties of any waters of the State, including change in temperature, taste, color, turbidity, silt, or odor of the waters, or such radioactive or other substance into any waters of the State which either by itself or in connection with any other substance present, will or can reasonably be expected to create a public nuisance or render such waters harmful, detrimental, or injurious to public health, safety, or welfare, or to domestic, commercial,

industrial, agricultural, recreational, or other legitimate beneficial uses or to livestock, wildlife, fish or other aquatic life, or the habitat thereof.

(40) "Point Source" means a discernable, confined and discrete conveyance, including but not limited to a pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, container, rolling stock, concentrated animal feeding operation, vessel, or other floating craft, or leachate collection system, from which pollutants are or may be discharged. Point source does not include agricultural stormwater discharges and return flows from irrigated agriculture.

(41) "Public Water" means the same as "waters of the State".

(42) "Public Works Project" means any land development conducted or financed by a local, State, or federal governmental body.

(43) "Reserve Capacity" means that portion of a receiving stream's loading capacity which has not been allocated to point sources or nonpoint sources and natural background as waste load allocations or load allocations, respectively. The reserve capacity includes that loading capacity which has been set aside for a safety margin and is otherwise unallocated.

(44) "Resident Biological Community" means aquatic life expected to exist in a particular habitat when water quality standards for a specific ecoregion, basin, or water body are met. This must be established by accepted biomonitoring techniques.

(45) "Salmon" means chinook, chum, coho, sockeye and pink salmon.

(46) "Salmon and Steelhead Spawning Use" means waters that are or could be used for salmon and steelhead spawning, egg incubation and fry emergence. These uses are designated on the following subbasin maps set out at OAR 340-041-0101 to OAR 340-041-0340: Tables 101B, and 121B, and Figures 130B, 151B, 160B, 170B, 220B, 230B, 271B, 286B, 300B, 310B, 320B, and 340B.

(47) "Salmon and Trout Rearing and Migration Use" means thermally suitable rearing habitat for salmon and steelhead, rainbow and cutthroat trout as designated on subbasin maps set out at OAR 340-041-0101 to OAR 340-041-0340: Figures 130A, 151A, 160A, 170A, 220A, 230A, 271A, 286A, 300A, 310A, 320A, and 340A.

(48) "Salmonid or Salmonids" means native salmon, trout, mountain whitefish and char (including bull trout). For purposes of Oregon water quality standards, salmonid does not include brook or brown trout since they are introduced species.

(49) "Secondary Treatment" means the following depending on the context:

(a) "Sewage Wastes" means the minimum level of treatment mandated by EPA regulations pursuant to Public Law 92-500;

(b) "Industrial and Other Waste Sources" means control equivalent to best practicable treatment (BPT).

(50) "Seven-Day Average Maximum Temperature" means a calculation of the average of the daily maximum temperatures from seven consecutive days, made on a rolling basis.

(51) "Sewage" means the water-carried human or animal waste from residences, buildings, industrial establishments, or other places together with such groundwater infiltration and surface water as may be present. The admixture with

sewage as herein defined of industrial wastes or wastes, as defined in sections (6) and (13) of this rule, may also be considered "sewage" within the meaning of this division.

(52) "Short-Term Disturbance" means a temporary disturbance of six months or less where water quality standards may be violated briefly, but not of sufficient duration to cause acute or chronic effects on beneficial uses.

(53) "Spatial Median" means the value which falls in the middle of a data set of multiple IGDO measurements taken within a spawning area. Half the samples should be greater than, and half the samples should be less than the spatial median.

(54) "SS" means suspended solids.

(55) "Stormwater Quality Control Facility" means any structure or drainage way that is designed, constructed, and maintained to collect and filter, retain, or detain surface water runoff during and after a storm event for the purpose of water quality improvement. It may also include, but not be limited to, existing features such as wetlands, water quality swales, and ponds which are maintained as stormwater quality control facilities.

(56) "Subbasin" means a fourth field hydrologic unit as identified by the U.S. Geological Survey.

(57) "Summer" means June 1 through September 30 of each calendar year.

(58) "Threatened or Endangered Species" means aquatic species listed as either threatened or endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act (16 USC 1531 et seq. and Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations).

(59) "Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)" means the sum of the individual WLAs for point sources and LAs for nonpoint sources and background. If receiving water has only one point source discharger, the TMDL is the sum of that point source WLA plus the LAs for any nonpoint sources of pollution and natural background sources, tributaries, or adjacent segments. TMDLs can be expressed in terms of either mass per time, toxicity, or other appropriate measure. If Best Management Practices (BMPs) or other nonpoint source pollution controls make more stringent load allocations practicable, then wasteload allocations can be made less stringent. Thus, the TMDL process provides for nonpoint source control tradeoffs.

(60) "Wasteload Allocation (WLA)" means the portion of receiving water's loading capacity that is allocated to one of its existing or future point sources of pollution. WLAs constitute a type of water quality-based effluent limitation.

(61) "Wastes" means sewage, industrial wastes, and all other liquid, gaseous, solid, radioactive, or other substances which will or may cause pollution or tend to cause pollution of any water of the State.

(62) "Water Quality Limited" means one of the following categories:

(a) A receiving stream that does not meet instream water quality standards during the entire year or defined season even after the implementation of standard technology;

(b) A receiving stream that achieves, and is expected to continue to achieve instream water quality standard but utilizes higher than standard technology to protect beneficial uses;

(c) A receiving stream for which there is insufficient information to determine if water quality standards are being met with higher-than-standard treatment technology, or where, through professional judgment, the receiving stream would not be expected to meet water quality standards during the entire year or defined season without higher than standard technology.

(63) "Water Quality Swale" means a natural depression or wide, shallow ditch that is used to temporarily store, route, or filter runoff for the purpose of improving water quality.

(64) "Waters of the State" means lakes, bays, ponds, impounding reservoirs, springs, wells, rivers, streams, creeks, estuaries, marshes, inlets, canals, the Pacific Ocean within the territorial limits of the State of Oregon, and all other bodies of surface or underground waters, natural or artificial, inland or coastal, fresh or salt, public or private (except those private waters that do not combine or effect a junction with natural surface or underground waters), and that are located wholly or partially within or bordering the State or within its jurisdiction.

(65) "Weekly (seven-day) Mean Minimum" (dissolved oxygen) means the minimum of the seven consecutive day floating average of the calculated daily *mean* dissolved oxygen concentration.

(66) "Weekly (seven-day) Minimum Mean" (dissolved oxygen) means the minimum of the seven consecutive day floating average of the daily *minimum* concentration. For purposes of application of the criteria, this value will be used as the reference for diurnal minimums.

(67) "Without Detrimental Changes in the Resident Biological Community" means no loss of ecological integrity when compared to natural conditions at an appropriate reference site or region.

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Antidegradation

(1) Purpose. The purpose of the Antidegradation Policy is to guide decisions that affect water quality such that unnecessary further degradation from new or increased point and nonpoint sources of pollution is prevented, and to protect, maintain, and enhance existing surface water quality to ensure the full protection of all existing beneficial uses. The standards and policies set forth in OAR 340-041-0007 through 340-041-0350 are intended to supplement the Antidegradation Policy.

(2) Growth Policy. In order to maintain the quality of waters in the State of Oregon, it is the general policy of the Commission to require that growth and development be accommodated by increased efficiency and effectiveness of waste treatment and control such that measurable future discharged waste loads from existing sources do not exceed presently allowed discharged loads except as provided in section (3) through (9) of this rule.

(3) Nondegradation Discharges. The following new or increased discharges are subject to this Division. However, because they are not considered degradation

of water quality, they are not required to undergo an antidegradation review under this rule:

(a) Discharges Into Existing Mixing Zones. Pollutants discharged into the portion of a water body that has been included in a previous mixing zone for a permitted source, including the zones of initial dilution, are not considered a reduction in water quality, so long as the mixing zone is established in accordance with OAR 340-041-0053, there are no other overlapping mixing zones from other point sources, and the discharger complies with all effluent limits set out in its NPDES permit;

(b) Water Conservation Activities. An increase in a pollutant concentration is not considered a reduction in water quality so long as the increase occurs as the result of a water conservation activity, the total mass load of the pollutant is not increased, and the concentration increase has no adverse effect on either beneficial uses or threatened or endangered species in the water body; and

(c) Temperature. Insignificant temperature increases authorized under OAR 340-041-0028(11) and (12) are not considered a reduction in water quality.

(d) Dissolved Oxygen. Up to a 0.1 mg/l decrease in dissolved oxygen from the upstream end of a stream reach to the downstream end of the reach is not considered a reduction in water quality so long as it has no adverse effects on threatened and endangered species.

(4) Recurring Activities. Since the baseline for applying the antidegradation policy to an individual source is the water quality resulting from the source's currently authorized discharge, and since regularly-scheduled, recurring activities remain subject to water quality standards and the terms and conditions in any applicable federal and state permits, certifications and licenses, the following activities will not be considered new or increasing discharges and will therefore not trigger an antidegradation review under this rule so long as they do not increase in frequency, intensity, duration or geographical extent:

(a) Rotating grazing pastures,

(b) Agricultural crop rotations, and

(c) Maintenance dredging.

(5) Exemptions to the Antidegradation Requirement. Some activities may, on a short term basis, cause temporary water quality degradation. However, these same activities may also have substantial and desirable environmental benefits. The following activities and situations fall into this category. Such activities and situations remain subject to water quality standards, and must demonstrate that they have minimized adverse affects to threatened and endangered species in order to be exempt from the antidegradation review under this rule:

(a) Riparian Restoration Activities. Activities that are intended to restore the geomorphology or riparian vegetation of a water body, or control invasive species need not undergo an antidegradation review so long as the Department determines that there is a net ecological benefit to the restoration activity.

Reasonable measures that are consistent with the restoration objectives for the water body must be used to minimize the degradation;

(b) Emergency Situations. The Director or a designee may, for a period of time no greater than 6 months, allow lower water quality without an antidegradation

review under this rule in order to respond to public health and welfare emergencies (i.e., a significant threat of loss of life, personal injury or severe property damage); and

(c) Exceptions. Exceptions authorized by the Commission under (9) of this rule.

(6) High Quality Waters Policy: Where the existing water quality meets or exceeds those levels necessary to support propagation of fish, shellfish, and wildlife and recreation in and on the water, and other designated beneficial uses, that level of water quality must be maintained and protected. However, the Environmental Quality Commission, after full satisfaction of the intergovernmental coordination and public participation provisions of the continuing planning process, and with full consideration of sections (2) and (9) of this rule, and 340-041-0007(5), may allow a lowering of water quality in these high quality waters if it finds:

(a) No other reasonable alternatives exist except to lower water quality; and

(b) The action is necessary and benefits of the lowered water quality outweigh the environmental costs of the reduced water quality. This evaluation will be conducted in accordance with DEQ's "Antidegradation Policy Implementation Internal Management Directive for NPDES Permits and section 401 water quality certifications," pages 27, and 33-39 (March 2001) incorporated herein by reference;

(c) All water quality standards will be met and beneficial uses protected; and

(d) Federal threatened and endangered aquatic species will not be adversely affected.

(7) Water Quality Limited Waters Policy: Water quality limited waters may not be further degraded except in accordance with section (9)(a)(B), (C) and (D) of this rule.

(8) Outstanding Resource Waters Policy. Where existing high quality waters constitute an outstanding State or national resource such as those waters designated as extraordinary resource waters, or as critical habitat areas, the existing water quality and water quality values must be maintained and protected, and classified as "Outstanding Resource Waters of Oregon."

(a) The Commission may specially designate high quality water bodies to be classified as Outstanding Resource Waters in order to protect the water quality parameters that affect ecological integrity of critical habitat or special water quality values that are vital to the unique character of those water bodies. The Department will develop a screening process and establish a list of nominated water bodies for Outstanding Resource Waters designation in the Biennial Water Quality Status Assessment Report (305(b) Report). The priority water bodies for nomination include:

(A) Those in State and National Parks;

(B) National Wild and Scenic Rivers;

(C) State Scenic Waterways;

(D) Those in State and National Wildlife Refuges; and

(E) Those in federally designated wilderness areas.

(b) The Department will bring to the Commission a list of water bodies that are proposed for designation as Outstanding Resource Waters at the time of each triennial Water Quality Standards Review; and

(c) When designating Outstanding Resource Waters, the Commission may establish the water quality values to be protected and provide a process for determining what activities are allowed that would not affect the outstanding resource values. After the designation, the Commission may not allow activities that may lower water quality below the level established except on a short term basis to respond to public health and welfare emergencies, or to obtain long-term water quality improvements.

(9) Exceptions. The Commission or Department may grant exceptions to this rule so long as the following procedures are met:

(a) In allowing new or increased discharged loads, the Commission or Department must make the following findings:

(A) The new or increased discharged load will not cause water quality standards to be violated;

(B) The action is necessary and benefits of the lowered water quality outweigh the environmental costs of the reduced water quality. This evaluation will be conducted in accordance with DEQ's "Antidegradation Policy Implementation Internal Management Directive for NPDES Permits and section 401 water quality certifications," pages 27, and 33-39 (March 2001) incorporated herein by reference; and

(C) The new or increased discharged load will not unacceptably threaten or impair any recognized beneficial uses or adversely affect threatened or endangered species. In making this determination, the Commission or Department may rely upon the presumption that if the numeric criteria established to protect specific uses are met the beneficial uses they were designed to protect are protected. In making this determination the Commission or Department may also evaluate other State and federal agency data that would provide information on potential impacts to beneficial uses for which the numeric criteria have not been set;

(D) The new or increased discharged load may not be granted if the receiving stream is classified as being water quality limited under OAR 340-041-0002(62)(a), unless:

(i) The pollutant parameters associated with the proposed discharge are unrelated either directly or indirectly to the parameter(s) causing the receiving stream to violate water quality standards and being designated water quality limited; or

(ii) Total maximum daily loads (TMDLs), waste load allocations (WLAs) load allocations (LAs), and the reserve capacity have been established for the water quality limited receiving stream; and compliance plans under which enforcement action can be taken have been established; and there will be sufficient reserve capacity to assimilate the increased load under the established TMDL at the time of discharge; or

(iii) Effective July 1, 1996, in water bodies designated water-quality limited for dissolved oxygen, when establishing WLAs under a TMDL for water bodies

meeting the conditions defined in this rule, the Department may at its discretion provide an allowance for WLAs calculated to result in no measurable reduction of dissolved oxygen (DO). For this purpose, "no measurable reduction" is defined as no more than 0.10 mg/L for a single source and no more than 0.20 mg/L for all anthropogenic activities that influence the water quality limited segment. The allowance applies for surface water DO criteria and for Intergravel dissolved oxygen (IGDO) if a determination is made that the conditions are natural. The allowance for WLAs applies only to surface water 30-day and seven-day means; or

(iv) Under extraordinary circumstances to solve an existing, immediate and critical environmental problem, the Commission or Department may, after the completion of a TMDL but before the water body has achieved compliance with standards, consider a waste load increase for an existing source on a receiving stream designated water quality limited under OAR 340-041-0002(62)(a). This action must be based on the following conditions:

- (I) That TMDLs, WLAs and LAs have been set; and
- (II) That a compliance plan under which enforcement actions can be taken has been established and is being implemented on schedule; and
- (III) That an evaluation of the requested increased load shows that this increment of load will not have an unacceptable temporary or permanent adverse effect on beneficial uses or adversely affect threatened or endangered species; and
- (IV) That any waste load increase granted under subparagraph (iv) of this paragraph is temporary and does not extend beyond the TMDL compliance deadline established for the water body. If this action will result in a permanent load increase, the action has to comply with sub-paragraphs (i) or (ii) of this paragraph.

(b) The activity, expansion, or growth necessitating a new or increased discharge load is consistent with the acknowledged local land use plans as evidenced by a statement of land use compatibility from the appropriate local planning agency.

(c) Oregon's water quality management policies and programs recognize that Oregon's water bodies have a finite capacity to assimilate waste. Unused assimilative capacity is an exceedingly valuable resource that enhances in-stream values and environmental quality in general. Allocation of any unused assimilative capacity should be based on explicit criteria. In addition to the conditions in subsection (a) of this section, the Commission or Department may consider the following:

(A) Environmental Effects Criteria:

- (i) Adverse Out-of-Stream Effects. There may be instances where the non-discharge or limited discharge alternatives may cause greater adverse environmental effects than the increased discharge alternative. An example may be the potential degradation of groundwater from land application of wastes;
- (ii) Instream Effects. Total stream loading may be reduced through elimination or reduction of other source discharges or through a reduction in seasonal discharge. A source that replaces other sources, accepts additional waste from less efficient treatment units or systems, or reduces discharge loadings during periods of low stream flow may be permitted an increased discharge load year-

round or during seasons of high flow, so long as the loading has no adverse affect on threatened and endangered species;

(iii) Beneficial Effects. Land application, upland wetlands application, or other non-discharge alternatives for appropriately treated wastewater may replenish groundwater levels and increase streamflow and assimilative capacity during otherwise low streamflow periods.

(B) Economic Effects Criteria. When assimilative capacity exists in a stream, and when it is judged that increased loadings will not have significantly greater adverse environmental effects than other alternatives to increased discharge, the economic effect of increased loading will be considered. Economic effects will be of two general types:

(i) Value of Assimilative Capacity. The assimilative capacity of Oregon's streams is finite, but the potential uses of this capacity are virtually unlimited. Thus it is important that priority be given to those beneficial uses that promise the greatest return (beneficial use) relative to the unused assimilative capacity that might be utilized. In-stream uses that will benefit from reserve assimilative capacity, as well as potential future beneficial use, will be weighed against the economic benefit associated with increased loading;

(ii) Cost of Treatment Technology. The cost of improved treatment technology, non-discharge and limited discharge alternatives may be evaluated.

Stat. Auth: [ORS 468.020](#), [ORS 468B.010](#), [ORS 468B.015](#), [ORS 468B.020](#), [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0007

Statewide Narrative Criteria

(1) Notwithstanding the water quality standards contained in this Division, the highest and best practicable treatment and/or control of wastes, activities, and flows must in every case be provided so as to maintain dissolved oxygen and overall water quality at the highest possible levels and water temperatures, coliform bacteria concentrations, dissolved chemical substances, toxic materials, radioactivity, turbidities, color, odor, and other deleterious factors at the lowest possible levels.

(2) Where a less stringent natural condition of a water of the State exceeds the numeric criteria set out in this Division, the natural condition supersedes the numeric criteria and becomes the standard for that water body. However, there are special restrictions, described in OAR 340-041-0004(9)(a)(C)(iii), that may apply to discharges that affect dissolved oxygen.

(3) Point source discharges must follow policies and guidelines in OAR 340-041-0004, and nonpoint source activities must follow guidelines in sections (6), (8), (9), (10), (11), and (12) of this rule.

(4) For any new waste sources, alternatives that utilize reuse or disposal with no discharge to public waters must be given highest priority for use wherever practicable. New source discharges may be approved subject to the criteria in OAR 340-041-0004(9).

- (5) No discharges of wastes to lakes or reservoirs may be allowed except as provided in section OAR 340-041-0004(9).
- (6) Logging and forest management activities must be conducted in accordance with the Oregon Forest Practices Act to minimize adverse effects on water quality.
- (7) Log handling in public waters must conform to current Commission policies and guidelines.
- (8) Sand and gravel removal operations must be conducted pursuant to a permit from the Division of State Lands and separated from the active flowing stream by a watertight berm wherever physically practicable. Recirculation and reuse of process water must be required wherever practicable. Discharges or seepage or leakage losses to public waters may not cause a violation of water quality standards or adversely affect legitimate beneficial uses.
- (9) Road building and maintenance activities must be conducted in a manner so as to keep waste materials out of public waters and minimize erosion of cut banks, fills, and road surfaces.
- (10) In order to improve controls over nonpoint sources of pollution, federal, State, and local resource management agencies will be encouraged and assisted to coordinate planning and implementation of programs to regulate or control runoff, erosion, turbidity, stream temperature, stream flow, and the withdrawal and use of irrigation water on a basin-wide approach so as to protect the quality and beneficial uses of water and related resources. Such programs may include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - (a) Development of projects for storage and release of suitable quality waters to augment low stream flow;
 - (b) Urban runoff control to reduce erosion;
 - (c) Possible modification of irrigation practices to reduce or minimize adverse impacts from irrigation return flows;
 - (d) Stream bank erosion reduction projects; and
 - (e) Federal water quality restoration plans.
- (11) The development of fungi or other growths having a deleterious effect on stream bottoms, fish or other aquatic life, or that are injurious to health, recreation, or industry may not be allowed;
- (12) The creation of tastes or odors or toxic or other conditions that are deleterious to fish or other aquatic life or affect the potability of drinking water or the palatability of fish or shellfish may not be allowed;
- (13) The formation of appreciable bottom or sludge deposits or the formation of any organic or inorganic deposits deleterious to fish or other aquatic life or injurious to public health, recreation, or industry may not be allowed;
- (14) Objectionable discoloration, scum, oily sheens, or floating solids, or coating of aquatic life with oil films may not be allowed;
- (15) Aesthetic conditions offensive to the human senses of sight, taste, smell, or touch may not be allowed;
- (16) Radioisotope concentrations may not exceed maximum permissible concentrations (MPC's) in drinking water, edible fishes or shellfishes, wildlife,

irrigated crops, livestock and dairy products, or pose an external radiation hazard;

(17) Minimum Design Criteria for Treatment and Control of Wastes. Except as provided in OAR 340-041-0101 through OAR 340-041-0350, and subject to the implementation requirements set forth in OAR 340-041-0061, prior to discharge of any wastes from any new or modified facility to any waters of the State, such wastes must be treated and controlled in facilities designed in accordance with the following minimum criteria.

(a) In designing treatment facilities, average conditions and a normal range of variability are generally used in establishing design criteria. A facility once completed and placed in operation should operate at or near the design limit most of the time but may operate below the design criteria limit at times due to variables which are unpredictable or uncontrollable. This is particularly true for biological treatment facilities. The actual operating limits are intended to be established by permit pursuant to ORS 468.740 and recognize that the actual performance level may at times be less than the design criteria.

(A) Sewage wastes:

(i) Effluent BOD concentrations in mg/l, divided by the dilution factor (ratio of receiving stream flow to effluent flow) may not exceed one unless otherwise approved by the Commission;

(ii) Sewage wastes must be disinfected, after treatment, equivalent to thorough mixing with sufficient chlorine to provide a residual of at least 1 part per million after 60 minutes of contact time unless otherwise specifically authorized by permit;

(iii) Positive protection must be provided to prevent bypassing raw or inadequately treated sewage to public waters unless otherwise approved by the Department where elimination of inflow and infiltration would be necessary but not presently practicable; and

(iv) More stringent waste treatment and control requirements may be imposed where special conditions make such action appropriate.

(B) Industrial wastes:

(i) After maximum practicable inplant control, a minimum of secondary treatment or equivalent control (reduction of suspended solids and organic material where present in significant quantities, effective disinfection where bacterial organisms of public health significance are present, and control of toxic or other deleterious substances);

(ii) Specific industrial waste treatment requirements may be determined on an individual basis in accordance with the provisions of this plan, applicable federal requirements, and the following:

(I) The uses that are or may likely be made of the receiving stream;

(II) The size and nature of flow of the receiving stream;

(III) The quantity and quality of wastes to be treated; and

(IV) The presence or absence of other sources of pollution on the same watershed.

- (iii) Where industrial, commercial, or agricultural effluents contain significant quantities of potentially toxic elements, treatment requirements may be determined utilizing appropriate bioassays;
- (iv) Industrial cooling waters containing significant heat loads must be subjected to offstream cooling or heat recovery prior to discharge to public waters;
- (v) Positive protection must be provided to prevent bypassing of raw or inadequately treated industrial wastes to any public waters;
- (vi) Facilities must be provided to prevent and contain spills of potentially toxic or hazardous materials.

Stat. Auth: [ORS 468.020](#), [ORS 468B.010](#), [ORS 468B.015](#), [ORS 468B.020](#), [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0009

Bacteria

- (1) Numeric Criteria: Organisms of the coliform group commonly associated with fecal sources (MPN or equivalent membrane filtration using a representative number of samples) may not exceed the criteria described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this paragraph:
 - (a) Freshwaters and Estuarine Waters Other than Shellfish Growing Waters:
 - (A) A 30-day log mean of 126 *E. coli* organisms per 100 milliliters, based on a minimum of five (5) samples;
 - (B) No single sample may exceed 406 *E. coli* organisms per 100 milliliters.
 - (b) Marine Waters and Estuarine Shellfish Growing Waters: A fecal coliform median concentration of 14 organisms per 100 milliliters, with not more than ten percent of the samples exceeding 43 organisms per 100 ml.
- (2) Raw Sewage Prohibition: No sewage may be discharged into or in any other manner be allowed to enter the waters of the State, unless such sewage has been treated in a manner approved by the Department or otherwise allowed by these rules;
- (3) Animal Waste: Runoff contaminated with domesticated animal wastes must be minimized and treated to the maximum extent practicable before it is allowed to enter waters of the State;
- (4) Bacterial pollution or other conditions deleterious to waters used for domestic purposes, livestock watering, irrigation, bathing, or shellfish propagation, or otherwise injurious to public health may not be allowed;
- (5) Effluent Limitations for Bacteria: Except as allowed in subsection (c) of this section, upon NPDES permit renewal or issuance, or upon request for a permit modification by the permittee at an earlier date, effluent discharges to freshwaters, and estuarine waters other than shellfish growing waters may not exceed a monthly log mean of 126 *E. coli* organisms per 100 ml. No single sample may exceed 406 *E. coli* organisms per 100 ml. However, no violation will be found, for an exceedance if the permittee takes at least five consecutive re-samples at four-hour intervals beginning as soon as practicable (preferably within 28 hours) after the original sample was taken and the log mean of the five re-samples is less than or equal to 126 *E. coli*. The following conditions apply:

- (a) If the Department finds that re-sampling within the timeframe outlined in this section would pose an undue hardship on a treatment facility, a more convenient schedule may be negotiated in the permit, provided that the permittee demonstrates that the sampling delay will result in no increase in the risk to water contact recreation in waters affected by the discharge;
- (b) The in-stream criterion for chlorine listed in Table 20 must be met at all times outside the assigned mixing zone;
- (c) For sewage treatment plants that are authorized to use reclaimed water pursuant to OAR Chapter 340, Division 55, and that also use a storage pond as a means to dechlorinate their effluent prior to discharge to public waters, effluent limitations for bacteria may, upon request by the permittee, be based upon appropriate total coliform, limits as required by OAR Chapter 340, Division 55:
 - (i) Level II limitations: No two consecutive samples may exceed 240 total coliform per 100 milliliters.
 - (ii) Level III and Level IV limitations: No single sample may exceed 23 total coliform per 100 milliliters.
 - (iii) No violation will be found for an exceedance under this paragraph if the permittee takes at least five consecutive re-samples at four hour intervals beginning as soon as practicable (preferably within 28 hours) after the original sample(s) were taken; and in the case of Level II effluent, the log mean of the five re-samples is less than or equal to 23 total coliform per 100 milliliters or, in the case of Level III and IV effluent, if the log mean of the five re-samples is less than or equal to 2.2 total coliform per 100 milliliters.
- (6) Sewer Overflows in winter: Domestic waste collection and treatment facilities are prohibited from discharging raw sewage to waters of the State during the period of November 1 through May 21, except during a storm event greater than the one-in-five-year, 24-hour duration storm. However, the following exceptions apply:
 - (a) The Commission may on a case-by-case basis approve a bacteria control management plan to be prepared by the permittee, for a basin or specified geographic area which describes hydrologic conditions under which the numeric bacteria criteria would be waived. These plans will identify the specific hydrologic conditions, identify the public notification and education processes that will be followed to inform the public about an event and the plan, describe the water quality assessment conducted to determine bacteria sources and loads associated with the specified hydrologic conditions, and describe the bacteria control program that is being implemented in the basin or specified geographic area for the identified sources;
 - (b) Facilities with separate sanitary and storm sewers existing on January 10, 1996, and which currently experience sanitary sewer overflows due to inflow and infiltration problems, must submit an acceptable plan to the Department at the first permit renewal, which describes actions that will be taken to assure compliance with the discharge prohibition by January 1, 2010. Where discharges occur to a receiving stream with sensitive beneficial uses, the Department may negotiate a more aggressive schedule for discharge elimination;

(c) On a case-by-case basis, the beginning of winter may be defined as October 15, if the permittee so requests and demonstrates to the Department's satisfaction that the risk to beneficial uses, including water contact recreation, will not be increased due to the date change.

(7) Sewer Overflows in summer: Domestic waste collection and treatment facilities are prohibited from discharging raw sewage to waters of the State during the period of May 22 through October 31, except during a storm event greater than the one-in-ten-year, 24-hour duration storm. The following exceptions apply:

(a) For facilities with combined sanitary and storm sewers, the Commission may on a case-by-case basis approve a bacteria control management plan such as that described in subsection (6)(a) of this rule;

(b) On a case-by-case basis, the beginning of summer may be defined as June 1 if the permittee so requests and demonstrates to the Department's satisfaction that the risk to beneficial uses, including water contact recreation, will not be increased due to the date change;

(c) For discharge sources whose permit identifies the beginning of summer as any date from May 22 through May 31: If the permittee demonstrates to the Department's satisfaction that an exceedance occurred between May 21 and June 1 because of a sewer overflow, and that no increase in risk to beneficial uses, including water contact recreation, occurred because of the exceedance, no violation may be triggered, if the storm associated with the overflow was greater than the one-in-five-year, 24-hour duration storm.

(8) Storm Sewers Systems Subject to Municipal NPDES Stormwater Permits: Best management practices must be implemented for permitted storm sewers to control bacteria to the maximum extent practicable. In addition, a collection-system evaluation must be performed prior to permit issuance or renewal so that illicit and cross connections are identified. Such connections must be removed upon identification. A collection system evaluation is not required where the Department determines that illicit and cross connections are unlikely to exist.

(9) Storm Sewers Systems Not Subject to Municipal NPDES Stormwater Permits: A collection system evaluation must be performed of non-permitted storm sewers by January 1, 2005, unless the Department determines that an evaluation is not necessary because illicit and cross connections are unlikely to exist. Illicit and cross-connections must be removed upon identification.

(10) Water Quality Limited for Bacteria: In those water bodies, or segments of water bodies identified by the Department as exceeding the relevant numeric criteria for bacteria in the basin standards and designated as water-quality limited under section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act, the requirements specified in section 11 of this rule and in OAR 340-041-0061(12) must apply.

(11) In water bodies designated by the Department as water-quality limited for bacteria, and in accordance with priorities established by the Department, development and implementation of a bacteria management plan may be required of those sources that the Department determines to be contributing to the problem. The Department may determine that a plan is not necessary for a particular stream segment or segments within a water-quality limited basin based

on the contribution of the segment(s) to the problem. The bacteria management plans will identify the technologies, best management practices and/or measures and approaches to be implemented by point and nonpoint sources to limit bacterial contamination. For point sources, their National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit is their bacteria management plan. For nonpoint sources, the bacteria management plan will be developed by designated management agencies (DMAs) which will identify the appropriate best management practices or measures and approaches.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0011

Biocriteria

Waters of the State must be of sufficient quality to support aquatic species without detrimental changes in the resident biological communities.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0016

Dissolved Oxygen

(1) Dissolved oxygen (DO): No wastes may be discharged and no activities must be conducted that either alone or in combination with other wastes or activities will cause violation of the following standards: The changes adopted by the Commission on January 11, 1996, become effective July 1, 1996. Until that time, the requirements of this rule that were in effect on January 10, 1996, apply:

(a) For water bodies identified as active spawning areas in the places and times indicated on the following Tables and Figures set out in OAR 340-041-0101 to OAR 340-041-0340: Tables 101B, 121B, 180B, 201B and 260B, and Figures 130B, 151B, 160B, 170B, 220B, 230B, 271B, 286B, 300B, 310B, 320B, and 340B, (as well as any active spawning area used by resident trout species), the following criteria apply during the applicable spawning through fry emergence periods set forth in the tables and figures:

(A) The dissolved oxygen may not be less than 11.0 mg/l. However, if the minimum intergravel dissolved oxygen, measured as a spatial median, is 8.0 mg/l or greater, then the DO criterion is 9.0 mg/l;

(B) Where conditions of barometric pressure, altitude, and temperature preclude attainment of the 11.0 mg/l or 9.0 mg/l criteria, dissolved oxygen levels must not be less than 95 percent of saturation;

(C) The spatial median intergravel dissolved oxygen concentration must not fall below 8.0 mg/l.

(b) For water bodies identified by the Department as providing cold-water aquatic life, the dissolved oxygen may not be less than 8.0 mg/l as an absolute minimum. Where conditions of barometric pressure, altitude, and temperature preclude attainment of the 8.0 mg/l, dissolved oxygen may not be less than 90 percent of saturation. At the discretion of the Department, when the Department determines that adequate information exists, the dissolved oxygen may not fall below 8.0

mg/l as a 30-day mean minimum, 6.5 mg/l as a seven-day minimum mean, and may not fall below 6.0 mg/l as an absolute minimum (Table 21);

(c) For water bodies identified by the Department as providing cool-water aquatic life, the dissolved oxygen may not be less than 6.5 mg/l as an absolute minimum. At the discretion of the Department, when the Department determines that adequate information exists, the dissolved oxygen may not fall below 6.5 mg/l as a 30-day mean minimum, 5.0 mg/l as a seven-day minimum mean, and may not fall below 4.0 mg/l as an absolute minimum (Table 21);

(d) For water bodies identified by the Department as providing warm-water aquatic life, the dissolved oxygen may not be less than 5.5 mg/l as an absolute minimum. At the discretion of the Department, when the Department determines that adequate information exists, the dissolved oxygen may not fall below 5.5 mg/l as a 30-day mean minimum, and may not fall below 4.0 mg/l as an absolute minimum (Table 21);

(e) For estuarine water, the dissolved oxygen concentrations may not be less than 6.5 mg/l (for coastal water bodies);

(f) For ocean waters, no measurable reduction in dissolved oxygen concentration may be allowed.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0019

Nuisance Phytoplankton Growth

(1) The following values and implementation program must be applied to lakes, reservoirs, estuaries and streams, except for ponds and reservoirs less than ten acres in surface area, marshes and saline lakes:

(a) The following average Chlorophyll a values must be used to identify water bodies where phytoplankton may impair the recognized beneficial uses:

(A) Natural lakes that thermally stratify: 0.01 mg/l;

(B) Natural lakes that do not thermally stratify, reservoirs, rivers and estuaries: 0.015 mg/l;

(C) Average Chlorophyll a values may be based on the following methodology (or other methods approved by the Department): A minimum of three samples collected over any three consecutive months at a minimum of one representative location (e.g., above the deepest point of a lake or reservoir or at a point mid-flow of a river) from samples integrated from the surface to a depth equal to twice the secchi depth or the bottom (the lesser of the two depths); analytical and quality assurance methods must be in accordance with the most recent edition of *Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater*.

(2) Upon determination by the Department that the values in section (1) of this rule are exceeded, the Department may:

(a) In accordance with a schedule approved by the Commission, conduct such studies as are necessary to describe present water quality; determine the impacts on beneficial uses; determine the probable causes of the exceedance and beneficial use impact; and develop a proposed control strategy for attaining compliance where technically and economically practicable. Proposed strategies

could include standards for additional pollutant parameters, pollutant discharge load limitations, and other such provisions as may be appropriate. Where natural conditions are responsible for exceedance of the values in section (1) of this rule or beneficial uses are not impaired, the values in section (1) of this rule may be modified to an appropriate value for that water body;

(b) Conduct necessary public hearings preliminary to adoption of a control strategy, standards or modified values after obtaining Commission authorization;

(c) Implement the strategy upon adoption by the Commission.

(3) In cases where waters exceed the values in section (1) of this rule and the necessary studies are not completed, the Department may approve new activities (which require Department approval), new or additional (above currently approved permit limits) discharge loadings from point sources provided that it is determined that beneficial uses would not be significantly impaired by the new activity or discharge.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0021

pH

(1) Unless otherwise specified in OAR 340-041-0101 through 340-041-0350, pH values (Hydrogen ion concentrations) may not fall outside the following ranges:

(a) Marine waters: 7.0 – 8.5;

(b) Estuarine and fresh waters: 6.5 – 8.5.

(2) Waters impounded by dams existing on January 1, 1996, which have pHs that exceed the criteria are not in violation of the standard, if the Department determines that the exceedance would not occur without the impoundment and that all practicable measures have been taken to bring the pH in the impounded waters into compliance with the criteria.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0028

Temperature

(1) Background. Water temperatures affect the biological cycles of aquatic species and are a critical factor in maintaining and restoring healthy salmonid populations throughout the State. Water temperatures are influenced by solar radiation, stream shade, ambient air temperatures, channel morphology, groundwater inflows, and stream velocity, volume, and flow. Surface water temperatures may also be warmed by anthropogenic activities such as discharging heated water, changing stream width or depth, reducing stream shading, and water withdrawals.

(2) Policy. It is the policy of the Commission to protect aquatic ecosystems from adverse warming and cooling caused by anthropogenic activities. The Commission intends to minimize the risk to cold-water aquatic ecosystems from anthropogenic warming, to encourage the restoration and protection of critical aquatic habitat, and to control extremes in temperature fluctuations due to

anthropogenic activities. The Commission recognizes that some of the State's waters will, in their natural condition, not provide optimal thermal conditions at all places and at all times that salmonid use occurs. Therefore, it is especially important to minimize additional warming due to anthropogenic sources. In addition, the Commission acknowledges that control technologies, best management practices and other measures to reduce anthropogenic warming are evolving and that the implementation to meet these criteria will be an iterative process. Finally, the Commission notes that it will reconsider beneficial use designations in the event that man-made obstructions or barriers to anadromous fish passage are removed and may justify a change to the beneficial use for that water body.

(3) Purpose. The purpose of the temperature criteria in this rule is to protect designated temperature-sensitive, beneficial uses, including specific salmonid life cycle stages in waters of the State.

(4) Biologically Based Numeric Criteria. Unless superseded by the natural conditions criteria described in section (8) of this rule, or by subsequently adopted site-specific criteria approved by EPA, the temperature criteria for State waters supporting salmonid fishes are as follows:

(a) The seven-day-average maximum temperature of a stream identified as having salmon and steelhead spawning use on subbasin maps and tables set out in OAR 340-041-0101 to OAR 340-041-0340: Tables 101B, and 121B, and Figures 130B, 151B, 160B, 170B, 220B, 230B, 271B, 286B, 300B, 310B, 320B, and 340B, may not exceed 13.0 degrees Celsius (55.4 degrees Fahrenheit) at the times indicated on these maps and tables;

(b) The seven-day-average maximum temperature of a stream identified as having core cold water habitat use on subbasin maps set out in OAR 340-041-0101 to OAR 340-041-0340: Figures 130A, 151A, 160A, 170A, 220A, 230A, 271A, 286A, 300A, 310A, 320A, and 340A, may not exceed 16.0 degrees Celsius (60.8 degrees Fahrenheit);

(c) The seven-day-average maximum temperature of a stream identified as having salmon and trout rearing and migration use on subbasin maps set out at OAR 340-041-0101 to OAR 340-041-0340: Figures 130A, 151A, 160A, 170A, 220A, 230A, 271A, 286A, 300A, 310A, 320A, and 340A, may not exceed 18.0 degrees Celsius (64.4 degrees Fahrenheit);

(d) The seven-day-average maximum temperature of a stream identified as having a migration corridor use on subbasin maps and tables OAR 340-041-0101 to OAR 340-041-0340: Tables 101B, and 121B, and Figures 151A, 170A, and 340A, may not exceed 20.0 degrees Celsius (68.0 degrees Fahrenheit). In addition, these water bodies must have coldwater refugia that's sufficiently distributed so as to allow salmon and steelhead migration without significant adverse effects from higher water temperatures elsewhere in the water body. Finally, the seasonal thermal pattern in Columbia and Snake Rivers must reflect the natural seasonal thermal pattern;

(e) The seven-day-average maximum temperature of a stream identified as having Lahontan cutthroat trout or redband trout use on subbasin maps and tables set out in OAR 340-041-0101 to OAR 340-041-0340: Tables 120B, 140B,

190B, and 250B, and Figures 180A, 201A, and 260A may not exceed 20.0 degrees Celsius (68.0 degrees Fahrenheit);

(f) The seven-day-average maximum temperature of a stream identified as having bull trout spawning and juvenile rearing use on subbasin maps set out at OAR 340-041-0101 to OAR 340-041-0340: Figures 130B, 151B, 160B, 170B, 180A, 201A, 260A, 310B, and 340B, may not exceed 12.0 degrees Celsius (53.6 degrees Fahrenheit). From August 15 through May 15, in bull trout spawning waters below Clear Creek and Mehlhorn reservoirs on Upper Clear Creek (Pine Subbasin), below Laurance Lake on the Middle Fork Hood River, and below Carmen reservoir on the Upper McKenzie River, there may be no more than a 0.3 degrees Celsius (0.5 Fahrenheit) increase between the water temperature immediately upstream of the reservoir and the water temperature immediately downstream of the spillway when the ambient seven-day-average maximum stream temperature is 9.0 degrees Celsius (48 degrees Fahrenheit) or greater, and no more than a 1.0 degree Celsius (1.8 degrees Fahrenheit) increase when the seven-day-average stream temperature is less than 9 degrees Celsius.

(5) Unidentified Tributaries. For waters that are not identified on the fish use maps and tables referenced in section (4) of this rule, the applicable criteria for these waters are the same criteria as is applicable to the nearest downstream water body depicted on the applicable map.

(6) Natural Lakes. Natural lakes may not be warmed by more than 0.3 degrees Celsius (0.5 degrees Fahrenheit) above the ambient condition unless a greater increase would not reasonably be expected to adversely affect fish or other aquatic life.

(7) Oceans and Bays. Except for the Columbia River above river mile 7, ocean and bay waters may not be warmed by more than 0.3 degrees Celsius (0.5 degrees Fahrenheit) above the ambient condition unless a greater increase would not reasonably be expected to adversely affect fish or other aquatic life.

(8) Natural Conditions Criteria. Where the department determines that the natural thermal potential of all or a portion of a water body exceeds the biologically-based criteria in section (4) of this rule, the natural thermal potential temperatures supersede the biologically-based criteria, and are deemed to be the applicable temperature criteria for that water body.

(9) Cool Water Species. Waters that support cool water species may not be warmed by more than 0.3 degrees Celsius (0.5 degrees Fahrenheit) above the ambient condition unless a greater increase would not reasonably be expected to adversely affect fish or other aquatic life. Cool waters of the State are described on subbasin tables set out in OAR 340-041-0101 to OAR 340-041-0340: Tables 140B, 180B, 201B, and 250B.

(10) Borax Lake Chub. State waters in the Malheur Lake Basin supporting the borax lake chub may not be cooled more than 0.3 degrees Celsius (0.5 degrees Fahrenheit) below the ambient condition.

(11) Protecting Cold Water.

(a) Except as described in subsection (c) of this rule, waters of the State that have summer seven-day-average maximum ambient temperatures that are colder than the biologically based criteria in section (4) of this rule, may not be

warmed by more than 0.3 degrees Celsius (0.5 degrees Fahrenheit) above the colder water ambient temperature. This provision applies to all sources taken together at the point of maximum impact where salmon, steelhead or bull trout are present.

(b) A point source that discharges into or above salmon & steelhead spawning waters that are colder than the spawning criterion, may not cause the water temperature in the spawning reach where the physical habitat for spawning exists during the time spawning through emergence use occurs, to increase more than the following amounts after complete mixing of the effluent with the river:

(A) If the rolling 60 day average maximum ambient water temperature, between the dates of spawning use as designated under subsection (4)(a) of this rule, is 10 to 12.8 degrees Celsius, the allowable increase is 0.5 Celsius above the 60 day average; or

(B) If the rolling 60 day average maximum ambient water temperature, between the dates of spawning use as designated under subsection (4)(a) of this rule, is less than 10 degrees Celsius, the allowable increase is 1.0 Celsius above the 60 day average, unless the source provides analysis showing that a greater increase will not significantly impact the survival of salmon or steelhead eggs or the timing of salmon or steelhead fry emergence from the gravels in downstream spawning reach.

(c) The cold water protection narrative criteria in subsection (a) does not apply if:

(A) There are no threatened or endangered salmonids currently inhabiting the water body;

(B) The water body has not been designated as critical habitat; and

(C) The colder water is not necessary to ensure that downstream temperatures achieve and maintain compliance with the applicable temperature criteria.

(12) Implementation of the Temperature Criteria.

(a) Minimum Duties. There is no duty for anthropogenic sources to reduce heating of the waters of the State below their natural condition. Similarly, each anthropogenic point and nonpoint source is responsible only for controlling the thermal effects of its own discharge or activity in accordance with its overall heat contribution. In no case may a source cause more warming than that allowed by the human use allowance provided in subsection (b) of this rule.

(b) Human Use Allowance. Insignificant additions of heat are authorized in waters that exceed the applicable temperature criteria as follows:

(A) Prior to the completion of a temperature TMDL or other cumulative effects analysis, no single NPDES point source that discharges into a temperature water quality limited water may cause the temperature of the water body to increase more than 0.3 degrees Celsius (0.5 Fahrenheit) above the applicable criteria after mixing with either twenty five

(25) percent of the stream flow, or the temperature mixing zone, whichever is more restrictive; or

(B) Following a temperature TMDL or other cumulative effects analysis, waste load and load allocations will restrict all NPDES point sources and nonpoint sources to a cumulative increase of no greater than 0.3 degrees Celsius (0.5

Fahrenheit) above the applicable criteria after complete mixing in the water body, and at the point of maximum impact.

(C) Point sources must be in compliance with the additional mixing zone requirements set out in OAR 340-041-0053(2)(d).

(D) A point source in compliance with the temperature conditions of its NPDES permit is deemed in compliance with the applicable criteria.

(c) Air Temperature Exclusion. A water body that only exceeds the criteria set out in this rule when the exceedance is attributed to daily maximum air temperatures that exceed the 90th percentile value of annual maximum seven-day average maximum air temperatures calculated using at least 10 years of air temperature data, will not be listed on the section 303(d) list of impaired waters and sources will not be considered in violation of this rule.

(d) Low Flow Conditions. An exceedance of the biologically-based numeric criteria in section (4) of this rule, or an exceedance of the natural condition criteria in section (8) of this rule will not be considered a permit violation during stream flows that are less than the 7Q10 low flow condition for that water body.

(e) Forestry on State and Private Lands. For forest operations on State or private lands, water quality standards are intended to be attained and are implemented through best management practices and other control mechanisms established under the Forest Practices Act (ORS 527.610 to 527.992) and rules thereunder, administered by the Oregon Department of Forestry. Therefore, forest operations that are in compliance with the Forest Practices Act requirements are (except for the limits set out in ORS 527.770) deemed in compliance with this rule. DEQ will work with the Oregon Department of Forestry to revise the Forest Practices program to attain water quality standards.

(f) Agriculture on State and Private Lands. For farming or ranching operations on State or private lands, water quality standards are intended to be attained and are implemented through the Agricultural Water Quality Management Act (ORS 568.900 to 568.933) and rules thereunder, administered by the Oregon Department of Agriculture. Therefore, farming and ranching operations that are in compliance with the Agricultural Water Quality Management Act requirements will not be subject to DEQ enforcement under this rule. DEQ will work with the Oregon Department of Agriculture to revise the Agricultural Water Quality Management program to attain water quality standards.

(g) Agriculture and Forestry on Federal Lands. Agriculture and forestry activities conducted on federal land must meet the requirements of this rule and are subject to the department's jurisdiction. Pursuant to Memoranda of Agreement with the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, water quality standards are expected to be met through the development and implementation of water quality restoration plans, best management practices and aquatic conservation strategies. Where a Federal Agency is a Designated Management Agency by the Department, implementation of these plans, practices and strategies is deemed compliance with this rule.

(h) Other Nonpoint Sources. The department may, on a case-by-case basis, require nonpoint sources (other than forestry and agriculture), including private hydropower facilities regulated by a 401 water quality certification, that may

contribute to warming of State waters beyond 0.3 degrees Celsius (0.5 degrees Fahrenheit), and are therefore designated as water-quality limited, to develop and implement a temperature management plan to achieve compliance with applicable temperature criteria or an applicable load allocation in a TMDL pursuant to OAR 340-042-0080.

(A) Each plan must ensure that the nonpoint source controls its heat load contribution to water temperatures such that the water body experiences no more than a 0.3 degrees Celsius (0.5 degree Fahrenheit) increase above the applicable criteria from all sources taken together at the maximum point of impact.

(B) Each plan must include a description of best management practices, measures, effluent trading, and control technologies (including eliminating the heat impact on the stream) that the nonpoint source intends to use to reduce its temperature effect, a monitoring plan, and a compliance schedule for undertaking each measure.

(C) The Department may periodically require a nonpoint source to revise its temperature management plan to ensure that all practical steps have been taken to mitigate or eliminate the temperature effect of the source on the water body.

(D) Once approved, a nonpoint source complying with its temperature management plan is deemed in compliance with this rule.

(i) Compliance Methods. Anthropogenic sources may engage in thermal water quality trading in whole or in part to offset its temperature discharge, so long as the trade results in at least a net thermal loading decrease in anthropogenic warming of the water body, and does not adversely affect a threatened or endangered species. Sources may also achieve compliance, in whole or in part, by flow augmentation, hyporheic exchange flows, outfall relocation, or other measures that reduce the temperature increase caused by the discharge.

(ii) Release of Stored Water. Stored cold water may be released from reservoirs to cool downstream waters in order to achieve compliance with the applicable numeric criteria. However, there can be no significant adverse impact to downstream designated beneficial uses as a result of the releases of this cold water, and the release may not contribute to violations of other water quality criteria. Where the Department determines that the release of cold water is resulting in a significant adverse impact, the Department may require the elimination or mitigation of the adverse impact.

(13) Site-Specific Criteria. The Department may establish, by separate rulemaking, alternative site-specific criteria for all or a portion of a water body that fully protects the designated use.

(a) These site-specific criteria may be set on a seasonal basis as appropriate.

(b) The Department may use, but is not limited by the following considerations when calculating site-specific criteria:

(A) Stream flow;

(B) Riparian vegetation potential;

(C) Channel morphology modifications;

(D) Cold water tributaries and groundwater;

(E) Natural physical features and geology influencing stream temperatures; and

(F) Other relevant technical data.

(c) DEQ may consider the thermal benefit of increased flow when calculating the site-specific criteria.

(d) Once established and approved by EPA, the site-specific criteria will be the applicable criteria for the water bodies affected.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0031

Total Dissolved Gas

(1) Waters will be free from dissolved gases, such as carbon dioxide hydrogen sulfide, or other gases, in sufficient quantities to cause objectionable odors or to be deleterious to fish or other aquatic life, navigation, recreation, or other reasonable uses made of such water.

(2) Except when stream flow exceeds the ten-year, seven-day average flood, the concentration of total dissolved gas relative to atmospheric pressure at the point of sample collection may not exceed 110 percent of saturation. However, in hatchery-receiving waters and other waters of less than two feet in depth, the concentration of total dissolved gas relative to atmospheric pressure at the point of sample collection may not exceed 105 percent of saturation.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0032

Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)

Total Dissolved Solids: Total Dissolved Solids: The concentrations listed below may not be exceeded unless otherwise specifically authorized by DEQ upon such conditions as it may deem necessary: All Fresh Water Streams and Tributaries -- 100.0 mg/l.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0033

Toxic Substances

(1) Toxic substances may not be introduced above natural background levels in the waters of the State in amounts, concentrations, or combinations that may be harmful, may chemically change to harmful forms in the environment, or may accumulate in sediments or bioaccumulate in aquatic life or wildlife to levels that adversely affect public health, safety or welfare, aquatic life, wildlife, or other designated beneficial uses;

(2) Levels of toxic substances may not exceed the criteria listed in Table 20 which were based on criteria established by EPA and published in *Quality Criteria for Water* (1986), unless otherwise noted;

(3) The criteria in section (2) of this rule must apply unless data from scientifically valid studies demonstrate that the most sensitive designated beneficial uses will not be adversely affected by exceeding a criterion, or that a more restrictive

criterion is warranted to protect beneficial uses, as accepted by the Department on a site specific basis. Where no published EPA criteria exist for a toxic substance, public health advisories and other published scientific literature may be considered and used, if appropriate, to set guidance values;

(4) If the Department determines that it is necessary to monitor the toxicity of complex effluents, other suspected discharges or chemical substances without numeric criteria to aquatic life, then bio-assessment studies may be conducted. Laboratory bioassays or in-stream measurements of indigenous biological communities, properly conducted in accordance with standards testing procedures, may be considered as scientifically valid data for the purposes of section (3) of this rule. If toxicity occurs, the Department will evaluate and implement necessary measures to reduce or eliminate the toxicity on a case-by-case basis.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0036

Turbidity

Turbidity (Nephelometric Turbidity Units, NTU): No more than a ten percent cumulative increase in natural stream turbidities may be allowed, as measured relative to a control point immediately upstream of the turbidity causing activity. However, limited duration activities necessary to address an emergency or to accommodate essential dredging, construction or other legitimate activities and which cause the standard to be exceeded may be authorized provided all practicable turbidity control techniques have been applied and one of the following has been granted:

- (a) Emergency activities: Approval coordinated by the Department with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife under conditions they may prescribe to accommodate response to emergencies or to protect public health and welfare;
- (b) Dredging, Construction or other Legitimate Activities: Permit or certification authorized under terms of section 401 or 404 (Permits and Licenses, Federal Water Pollution Control Act) or OAR 14I-085-0100 et seq. (Removal and Fill Permits, Division of State Lands), with limitations and conditions governing the activity set forth in the permit or certificate.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0046

Water Quality Limited Waters

(1) A receiving stream may be designated as water quality limited through the biennial water quality status assessment report prepared to meet the requirements of section 305(b) of the Federal Clean Water Act. Appendix A of the Status Assessment report will identify: what water bodies are water quality limited, the time of year the water quality standards violations occur, the segment of stream or area of water body limited, the parameter(s) of concern, whether it is water quality limited under OAR 340-041-0002(62)(a), (b) or (c). Appendix B and

C of the Status Assessment report will identify the specific evaluation process for designating water bodies limited;

(2) The water quality limited list contained in Appendix A of the Status Assessment report will be placed on public notice and reviewed through the public hearing process. At the conclusion of the hearing process and the evaluation of the testimony, Appendix A will become the official water quality limited list. The Department may add a water body to the water quality limited list between status assessment reports after placing that action out on public notice and conducting a public hearing;

(3) For interstate water bodies, the State is responsible for completing the requirements of OAR 340-041-0004(9) of this rule for that portion of the interstate water body within the boundary of the State;

(4) For water bodies designated as water quality limited under OAR 340-041-0002(62)(c), the Department will establish a priority list and schedule for future water quality monitoring activities to determine: if the water body should be designated as water quality limited under OAR 340-041-0002(62)(a) or (b), if estimated TMDLs need to be prepared, and if an implementation plan needs to be developed and implemented;

(5) For water bodies designated as water quality limited under OAR 340-041-0002(62)(b), requests for load increases may be considered using the process set out in OAR 340-041-0004(9)(b) of this rule.

(6) Appendix B and C of the Status Assessment report will identify the specific evaluation process for designating water bodies limited.

Stat. Auth: [ORS 468.020](#), [ORS 468B.010](#), [ORS 468B.015](#), [ORS 468B.020](#), [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0053

Mixing Zones

(1) The Department may allow a designated portion of a receiving water to serve as a zone of dilution for wastewaters and receiving waters to mix thoroughly and this zone will be defined as a mixing zone;

(2) The Department may suspend all or part of the water quality standards, or set less restrictive standards in the defined mixing zone, provided that the following conditions are met:

(a) A point source for which the mixing zone is established may not cause or significantly contribute to any of the following:

(A) Materials in concentrations that will cause acute toxicity to aquatic life as measured by a Department approved bioassay method. Acute toxicity is lethal to aquatic life as measured by a significant difference in lethal concentration between the control and 100 percent effluent in an acute bioassay test. Lethality in 100 percent effluent may be allowed due to ammonia and chlorine only when it is demonstrated on a case-by-case basis that immediate dilution of the effluent within the mixing zone reduces toxicity below lethal concentrations. The Department may on a case-by-case basis establish a zone of immediate dilution if appropriate for other parameters;

- (B) Materials that will settle to form objectionable deposits;
 - (C) Floating debris, oil, scum, or other materials that cause nuisance conditions; and
 - (D) Substances in concentrations that produce deleterious amounts of fungal or bacterial growths.
- (b) A point source for which the mixing zone is established may not cause or significantly contribute to any of the following conditions outside the boundary of the mixing zone:
- (A) Materials in concentrations that will cause chronic (sublethal) toxicity. Chronic toxicity is measured as the concentration that causes long-term sublethal effects, such as significantly impaired growth or reproduction in aquatic organisms, during a testing period based on test species life cycle. Procedures and end points will be specified by the Department in wastewater discharge permits;
 - (B) Exceedances of any other water quality standards under normal annual low flow conditions.
- (c) The limits of the mixing zone must be described in the wastewater discharge permit. In determining the location, surface area, and volume of a mixing zone area, the Department may use appropriate mixing zone guidelines to assess the biological, physical, and chemical character of receiving waters, effluent, and the most appropriate placement of the outfall, to protect instream water quality, public health, and other beneficial uses. Based on receiving water and effluent characteristics, the Department will define a mixing zone in the immediate area of a wastewater discharge to:
- (A) Be as small as feasible;
 - (B) Avoid overlap with any other mixing zones to the extent possible and be less than the total stream width as necessary to allow passage of fish and other aquatic organisms;
 - (C) Minimize adverse effects on the indigenous biological community, especially when species are present that warrant special protection for their economic importance, tribal significance, ecological uniqueness, or other similar reasons determined by the Department and does not block the free passage of aquatic life;
 - (D) Not threaten public health;
 - (E) Minimize adverse effects on other designated beneficial uses outside the mixing zone.
- (d) Temperature Thermal Plume Limitations. Temperature mixing zones and effluent limits authorized under 340-041-0028(12)(b) will be established to prevent or minimize the following adverse effects to salmonids inside the mixing zone:
- (A) Impairment of an active salmonid spawning area where spawning redds are located or likely to be located. This adverse effect is prevented or minimized by limiting potential fish exposure to temperatures of 13 degrees Celsius (55.4 Fahrenheit) or less for salmon and steelhead, and 9 degrees Celsius (48 degrees Fahrenheit) for bull trout;

- (B) Acute impairment or instantaneous lethality is prevented or minimized by limiting potential fish exposure to temperatures of 32.0 degrees Celsius (89.6 degrees Fahrenheit) or more to less than 2 seconds;
- (C) Thermal shock caused by a sudden increase in water temperature is prevented or minimized by limiting potential fish exposure to temperatures of 25.0 degrees Celsius (77.0 degrees Fahrenheit) or more to less than 5 percent of the cross section of 100 percent of the 7Q10 low flow of the water body; the Department may develop additional exposure timing restrictions to prevent thermal shock; and
- (D) Unless the ambient temperature is 21.0 degrees of greater, migration blockage is prevented or minimized by limiting potential fish exposure to temperatures of 21.0 degrees Celsius (69.8 degrees Fahrenheit) or more to less than 25 percent of the cross section of 100 percent of the 7Q10 low flow of the water body.
- (e) The Department may request the applicant of a permitted discharge for which a mixing zone is required, to submit all information necessary to define a mixing zone, such as:
 - (A) Type of operation to be conducted;
 - (B) Characteristics of effluent flow rates and composition;
 - (C) Characteristics of low flows of receiving waters;
 - (D) Description of potential environmental effects;
 - (E) Proposed design for outfall structures.
- (f) The Department may, as necessary, require mixing zone monitoring studies and/or bioassays to be conducted to evaluate water quality or biological status within and outside the mixing zone boundary;
- (g) The Department may change mixing zone limits or require the relocation of an outfall, if it determines that the water quality within the mixing zone adversely affects any existing beneficial uses in the receiving waters.
- (h) Alternate requirements for mixing zones: For some existing or proposed discharges to some receiving streams, it may not be practical to treat wastewater to meet instream water quality standards at the point of discharge or within a short distance from the point of discharge. Some of these discharges could be allowed without impairing the overall ecological integrity of the receiving streams, or may provide an overall benefit to the receiving stream. This section specifies the conditions and circumstances under which a mixing zone may be allowed by the Department that extends beyond the immediate area around a discharge point, or that extends across a stream width. An alternate mixing zone may be approved if the applicant demonstrates to the Department's satisfaction that the discharge (A) creates an overall environmental benefit, or (B) is to a constructed water course, or (C) is insignificant. The three circumstances under which alternate mixing zones may be established are described further below.
 - (A) Overall environmental benefit.
- (i) Qualifying for alternate mixing zone based on overall environmental benefit: In order to qualify for an alternate mixing zone based on a finding of overall environmental benefit, the discharger must demonstrate to the Department's satisfaction the following:

- (I) All practical strategies have been, or will be, implemented to minimize the pollutant loads in the effluent; and
- (II) For proposed increased discharges, the current actual discharge and mixing zone does not meet the requirements of a standard mixing zone; and
- (III) Either that, on balance, an environmental benefit would be lost if the discharge did not occur, or that the discharger is prepared to undertake other actions that will mitigate the effect of the discharge to an extent resulting in a net environmental benefit to the receiving stream.
- (IV) For the purposes of this rule, the term "practical" must include environmental impact, availability of alternatives, cost of alternatives and other relevant factors.
- (ii) Studies required and evaluation of studies: In order to demonstrate that, on balance, an environmental benefit will result from the discharge, the following information must be provided by the applicant:
 - (I) The effluent flow and pollutant loads that are detected or expected in the effluent, by month, both average and expected worst case discharges: The parameters to be evaluated include at a minimum: temperature, biochemical oxygen demand, total suspended solids, total dissolved solids, pH, settleable solids, *E. coli* bacteria, oil and grease, any pollutants listed in Table 20 of this rule division, and any pollutant for which the receiving stream has been designated by the Department as water quality limited; and
 - (II) Receiving stream flow, by month; and
 - (III) The expected impact of the discharge, by month, on the receiving stream for the entire proposed mixing zone area for all of the pollutants listed above. Included in this analysis must be a comparison of the receiving stream water quality with the discharge and without the discharge; and
 - (IV) A description of fish, other vertebrate populations, and macroinvertebrates that reside in, or are likely to pass through, the proposed mixing zone, including expected location (if known), species identification, stage of development, and time of year when their presence is expected. For existing discharges, the applicant must provide the same information for similar nearby streams that are unaffected by wastewater discharges. In addition, any threatened or endangered species in the immediate vicinity of the receiving stream must be identified; and
 - (V) The expected impact of the discharge on aquatic organisms and/or fish passage, including any expected negative impacts from the effluent attracting fish, where that is not desirable; and
 - (VI) A description of the expected environmental benefits to be derived from the discharge or other mitigation measures proposed by the applicant, including but not limited to improvements in water quality, improvements in fish passage, and improvements in aquatic habitat. If the applicant proposes to undertake mitigation measures designed to provide environmental benefits (e.g., purchasing water or water conservation rights to increase stream flows or establishing stream cover to decrease temperature), the applicant must describe the mitigation measures in detail, including a description of the steps it will take to ensure that the benefits of the mitigation measures are attained and are not lost or diminished over time.
 - (VII) Some or all of the above study requirements may be waived by the Department, if the Department determines that the information is not needed. In

the event that the Department does waive some or all of the above study requirements, the basis for waiving the requirements will be included in the permit evaluation report upon the next permit renewal or modification relating to the mixing zone.

(VIII) Upon request of the Department, the applicant must conduct additional studies to further evaluate the impact of the discharge, which may include whole effluent toxicity testing, stream surveys for water quality, stream surveys for fish and other aquatic organisms, or other studies as specified by the Department.

(IX) In evaluating whether an existing or proposed increase in an existing discharge would result in a net environmental benefit, the applicant must use the native biological community in a nearby, similar stream that is unaffected by wastewater discharges. The Department will consider all information generated as required in this rule and other relevant information. The evaluation will only consider benefits to the native aquatic biological community.

(iii) Permit conditions: Upon determination by the Department that the discharge and mitigation measures (if any) will likely result in an overall environmental benefit, the Department will include appropriate permit conditions to ensure that the environmental benefits are attained and continue. Such permit conditions may include, but not be limited to:

(I) Maximum allowed effluent flows and pollutant loads;

(II) Requirements to maintain land ownership, easements, contracts, or other legally binding measures necessary to assure that mitigation measures, if any, remain in place and effective;

(III) Special operating conditions;

(IV) Monitoring and reporting requirements; and

(V) Studies to evaluate the effectiveness of mitigation measures.

(B) Constructed water course: A mixing zone may be extended through a constructed water course and into a natural water course. For the purposes of this rule, a constructed water course is one that was constructed for irrigation, site drainage, or wastewater conveyance, and has the following characteristics:

(i) Irrigation flows, stormwater runoff, or wastewater flows have replaced natural streamflow regimes;

(ii) The channel form is greatly simplified in lengthwise and cross sectional profiles;

(iii) Physical and biological characteristics that differ significantly from nearby natural streams;

(iv) A much lower diversity of aquatic species than the diversity found in nearby natural streams; and

(v) Effective fish screens if the constructed water course is an irrigation canal.

(C) Insignificant discharges: Insignificant discharges are those that either by volume, pollutant characteristics, and/or temporary nature are expected to have little if any impact on beneficial uses in the receiving stream, and for which the extensive evaluations required for discharges to smaller streams are not warranted. For the purposes of this rule, only filter backwash discharges and underground storage tank cleanups are considered insignificant discharges.

(D) Other requirements for alternate mixing zones: The following are additional requirements for dischargers requesting an alternate mixing zone:

- (i) Most discharges that qualify for an alternate mixing zone will extend through the receiving stream until a larger stream is reached, where thorough mixing of the effluent can occur and where the edge of the allowed mixing zone will be located. The portion of the mixing zone in the larger stream must meet all of the requirements of the standard mixing zone, including not blocking aquatic life passage; and
 - (ii) An alternate mixing zone may not be granted if a municipal drinking water intake is located within the proposed mixing zone, and the discharge has a significant adverse impact on the drinking water source; and
 - (iii) The discharge will not pose an unreasonable hazard to the environment or pose a significant health risk, considering the likely pathways of exposure; and
 - (iv) The discharge may not be acutely toxic to organisms passing through the mixing zone; and
 - (v) An alternate mixing zone may not be granted if the substances discharged may accumulate in the sediments or bioaccumulate in aquatic life or wildlife to levels that adversely affect public health, safety or welfare, aquatic life, wildlife, or other designated beneficial uses; and
 - (vi) In the event that the receiving stream is water quality limited, the requirements for discharges to water quality limited streams supersede this rule.
- Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)
Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

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Implementation at Domestic Wastewater Treatment Works

(1) Oregon's publicly owned sewerage utilities have since 1956 developed an increasing reliance on federal sewerage works construction grant funds to meet a major portion of the cost of their sewerage works construction needs. This reliance did not appear unreasonable based on federal legislation passed up through 1978. Indeed, the Environmental Quality Commission (Commission) has routinely approved compliance schedules with deadlines contingent on federal funding. This reliance no longer appears reasonable based on recent and proposed legislative actions and appropriations and the general state of the nation's economy.

(2) The federal funds expected for future years will address a small percentage of Oregon's sewerage works construction needs. Thus, continued reliance by DEQ and public agencies on federal funding for sewerage works construction will not assure that sewage from a growing Oregon population will be adequately treated and disposed of so that health hazards and nuisance conditions are prevented, and beneficial uses of public waters are not threatened or impaired by quality degradation.

(3) Therefore, the following statements of policy are established to guide future sewerage works planning and construction:

- (a) The Commission remains strongly committed to its historic program of preventing water quality problems by requiring control facilities to be provided prior to the connection of new or increased waste loads;
- (b) The Commission urges each sewerage utility in Oregon to develop, as soon as practicable, a financing plan that will ensure that future sewerage works construction, operation, maintenance and replacement needs can be met in a timely manner. Such financing plans will be a prerequisite to Department issuance of permits for new or significantly modified sewerage facilities, for approval of plans for new or significantly modified sewerage facilities, or for access to funding assistance from the State pollution control bond fund. The Department may accept assurance of development of such financing plan if necessary to prevent delay in projects already planned and in the process of implementation. The Department will work with the League of Oregon Cities and others as necessary to aid in the development of financing plans;
- (c) No sewerage utility should assume that it will receive grant assistance to aid in addressing its planning and construction needs;
- (d) Existing sewerage facility plans that are awaiting design and construction should be updated where necessary to include:
 - (A) Evaluation of additional alternatives where appropriate, and re-evaluation of costs of existing alternatives;
 - (B) Identification and delineation of phased construction alternatives; and
 - (C) A financing plan which will assure ability to construct facilities over an appropriate time span with locally derived funds.
- (e) New sewerage works facility planning initiated after October 1, 1981 should not be approved without adequate consideration of alternatives and phased construction options, and without a financing plan which assures adequate funding for construction, operation, maintenance and replacement of sewerage facilities:
 - (A) The Commission recognizes that many cities in need of immediate sewerage works construction have completed planning and are awaiting design or construction funding. These cities have developed their program relying on 75 percent federal grants. They will have difficulty developing and implementing alternatives to fund immediate construction needs. Many are, or will be, under moratoriums on new connections because existing facilities are at, or near, capacity. The Commission will consider the following interim measures as a means of assisting these cities to get on a self-supporting basis provided that an approvable long-range program is presented:
 - (i) Temporary increases in waste discharge loading may be approved provided a minimum of secondary treatment, or equivalent control is maintained and beneficial uses of the receiving waterway are not impaired;
 - (ii) Installation and operation of temporary treatment works may be approved providing:
 - (I) The area served is inside an approved urban growth boundary and the proposal is consistent with State Land Use Planning laws;
 - (II) A master sewerage plan is adopted which shows how and when the temporary facilities will be phased out;

(III) The public agency responsible for implementing the master plan is the owner and operator of the temporary facilities;

(IV) Sewerage service to the area served by the temporary facility is necessary as part of the financing program for master plan implementation and no other option for service is practicably available;

(V) An acceptable receiving stream or method of effluent disposal is available for the temporary facility.

(B) Compliance schedules and other permit requirements may be modified to incorporate an approved interim program. Compliance with a permit so modified will be required at all times.

(f) Sewerage Construction programs should be designed to eliminate raw sewage bypassing during the summer recreation season (except for a storm event greater than the ten-year, 24-hour storm) as soon as practicable. A program and timetable should be developed through negotiation with each affected source. Bypasses which occur during the remainder of the year should be eliminated in accordance with an approved longer term maintenance based correction program. More stringent schedules may be imposed as necessary to protect drinking water supplies and shellfish growing areas;

(g) Any sewerage utility that is presently in compliance and foresees a need to plan for future expansion to accommodate growth, but elects to wait for federal funds for planning and construction, will make such election with full knowledge that if existing facilities reach capacity before new facilities are completed, a new-connection moratorium will be imposed. Such moratorium will not qualify them for any special consideration, since its presence is deemed a matter of their choice;

(h) The Department will continue to assist cities to develop interim and long-range programs, use construction schedules and to secure financing for essential construction.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, ORS 468.035, ORS 454.625, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: ORS 465.035, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

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Other Implementation of Water Quality Criteria

(1) No waste treatment and disposal facilities may be constructed or operated, and no wastes may be discharged to public waters, without obtaining a permit from the Department as required by ORS 468B.050.

(2) Water Quality Variances. The Commission may grant point source variances from the water quality standards in this Division where the following requirements are met:

(a) The water quality variance applies only to the point source requesting the variance and only to the pollutant or pollutants specified in the variance; the underlying water quality standard otherwise remains in effect.

(b) A water quality standard variance shall not be granted if:

(A) Standards will be attained by all point source dischargers implementing effluent limitations required under sections 301(b) and 306 of the federal Clean Water Act, and by nonpoint sources implementing cost-effective and reasonable best management practices; or

(B) The variance would likely jeopardize the continued existence of any threatened or endangered species listed under section 4 of the Endangered Species Act, or result in the destruction or adverse modification of such species' critical habitat.

(c) Prior to granting a variance, the point source must demonstrate that attaining the water quality standard is not feasible because:

(A) Naturally occurring pollutant concentrations prevent the attainment of the use; or

(B) Natural, ephemeral, intermittent or low flow conditions or water levels prevent the attainment of the use, unless these conditions may be compensated for by the discharge of sufficient volume of effluent discharges without violating State water conservation requirements to enable uses to be met; or

(C) Human-caused conditions or sources of pollution prevent the attainment of the use and cannot be remedied or would cause more environmental damage to correct than to leave in place; or

(D) Dams, diversions or other types of hydrologic modifications preclude the attainment of the use, and it is not feasible to restore the water body to its original condition or to operate such modification in a way which would result in the attainment of the use; or

(E) Physical conditions related to the natural features of the water body, such as the lack of a proper substrate, cover, flow, depth, pools, riffles, and the like unrelated to water quality, preclude attainment of aquatic life protection uses; or

(F) Controls more stringent than those required by sections 301(b) and 306 of the federal Clean Water Act would result in substantial and widespread economic and social impact.

(d) Procedures. An applicant for a water quality standards variance shall submit a request to the Department. The application shall include all relevant information showing that the requirements for a variance have been satisfied. The burden is on the applicant to demonstrate that the designated use is unattainable for one of the reasons specified in subsection (c) of this rule. If the Department preliminarily determines that grounds exist for granting a variance, it shall provide public notice of the proposed variance and provide an opportunity for public comment.

(A) The Department may condition the variance on the performance of such additional studies, monitoring, management practices, and other controls as may be deemed necessary. These terms and conditions will be incorporated into the applicant's NPDES permit or Department order.

(B) A variance may not exceed 3 years or the term of the NPDES permit, whichever is less. A variance may be renewed if the applicant reapplies and demonstrates that the use in question is still not attainable. Renewal of the variance may be denied if the applicant does not comply with the conditions of

the original variance, or otherwise does not meet the requirements of this section.

(C) DEQ approval of a variance for a point source is not effective under the federal Clean Water Act until submitted to and approved by EPA.

(3) Plans for all sewage and industrial waste treatment, control, and disposal facilities must be submitted to the Department for review and approval prior to construction as required by ORS 468B.055.

(4) Minimum design criteria for waste treatment and control facilities prescribed under this plan and such other waste treatment, and controls as may be necessary to ensure compliance with the water quality standards contained in this plan, must be provided in accordance with specific permit conditions for those sources or activities for which permits are required and the following implementation program:

(a) For new or expanded waste loads or activities, fully approved treatment or control facilities, or both, must be provided prior to discharge of any wastes from the new or expanded facilities or conduct of the new or expanded activity;

(b) For existing waste loads or activities, additional treatment or control facilities necessary to correct specific unacceptable water quality conditions must be provided in accordance with a specific program and timetable incorporated into the waste discharge permit for the individual discharger or activity. In developing treatment requirements and implementation schedules for existing installations or activities, consideration will be given to the impact upon the overall environmental quality, including air, water, land use, and aesthetics;

(c) Wherever minimum design criteria for waste treatment and control facilities set forth in this plan are more stringent than applicable federal standards and treatment levels currently being provided, upgrading to the more stringent requirements will be deferred until it is necessary to expand or otherwise modify or replace the existing treatment facilities. Such deferral will be acknowledged in the permit for the source;

(d) Where planning, design or construction of new or modified waste treatment and controls to meet prior applicable State or federal requirements are underway at the time this plan is adopted, such plans, design, or construction may be completed under the requirements in effect when the project was initiated. Timing for upgrading to meet more stringent future requirements will be as provided in section (3) of this rule.

(5) Confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs) are regulated pursuant to OAR 340-051-0005 through 340-051-0080 in order to minimize potential adverse effect on water quality (see also OAR 603-074-0005 through 603-074-0070).

(6) Programs for control of pollution from nonpoint sources when developed by the Department, or by other agencies pursuant to section 208 of Public Law 92-500 and approved by the Department, will as applicable, be incorporated into this plan by amendment via the same process used to adopt the plan unless other procedures are established by law.

(7) Where minimum requirements of federal law or enforceable regulations are more stringent than specific provisions of this plan, the federal requirements will prevail.

(8) Within framework of State-wide priority and available resources, the Department will monitor water quality within the basin for the purposes of evaluating conformance with the plan and developing information for future additions or updating.

(9) The Commission recognizes that the potential exists for conflicts between water quality management plans and the land use plans and resource management plans which local governments and other agencies must develop pursuant to law. In the event any such conflicts develop, it is the intent of the Department to meet with the local government or responsible agency to formulate proposed revisions to one or both so as to resolve the conflict. Revisions will be presented for adoption via the same process used to adopt the plan unless other specific procedures are established by law.

(10) The Department will calculate and include effluent limits specified in pounds per day, which will be the mass load limits for biochemical oxygen demand or carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand and total suspended solids in National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits issued to all sewage treatment facilities. These limits must be calculated as follows:

(a) Except as noted in paragraph (H) of this subsection, for existing facilities and for facilities receiving engineering plans and specifications approval from the Department for new treatment facilities or treatment facilities expanding the average dry weather treatment capacity, prior to June 30, 1992:

(A) During periods of low stream flows (approximately May 1 through October 31), the

monthly average mass load expressed as pounds per day may not exceed the applicable monthly concentration effluent limit times the design average dry weather flow expressed in million gallons per day times 8.34. The weekly average mass load expressed as pounds per day may not exceed the monthly average mass load times 1.5. The daily mass load expressed in pounds per day may not exceed the monthly average mass load times 2.0;

(B) During the period of high stream flows (approximately November 1 through April 30), the monthly average mass load expressed as pounds per day may not exceed the monthly concentration effluent limit times the design average wet weather flow expressed in million gallons per day times 8.34. The weekly average mass load expressed as pounds per day may not exceed the monthly average mass load times 1.5. The daily mass load expressed in pounds per day may not exceed the monthly average mass load times 2.0;

(C) On any day that the daily flow to a sewage treatment facility exceeds the lesser hydraulic capacity of the secondary treatment portion of the facility or twice the design average dry weather flow, the daily mass load limit will not apply. The permittee must operate the treatment facility at highest and best practicable treatment and control;

(D) The design average wet weather flow used in calculating mass loads must be approved by the Department in accordance with prudent engineering practice and must be based on a facility plan approved by the Department, engineering plans and specifications approved by the Department, or an engineering evaluation. The permittee must submit documentation describing and supporting

the design average wet weather flow with the permit application, application for permit renewal, or modification request, or upon request by the Department. The design average wet weather flow is defined as the average flow between November 1 and April 30 when the sewage treatment facility is projected to be at design capacity for that portion of the year;

(E) Mass loads assigned as described in paragraphs (B) and (C) of this subsection will not be subject to OAR 340-041-0004(7);

(F) Mass loads as described in this rule will be included in permits upon renewal, or upon permit modification request;

(G) Within 180 days after permit renewal or modification, permittees receiving higher mass loads under this rule and having a separate sanitary sewer system must submit to the Department for review and approval a proposed program and time schedule for identifying and reducing inflow. The program must consist of the following:

(i) Identification of all overflow points and verification that sewer system overflows are not occurring up to a 24-hour, five-year storm event or equivalent;

(ii) Monitoring of all pump station overflow points; and

(iii) A program for identifying and removing all inflow sources into the permit holder's sewer system over which the permit holder has legal control; and

(iv) For those permit holders not having the necessary legal authority for all portions of the sewer system discharging into the permit holder's sewer system or treatment facility, a program and schedule for gaining legal authority to require inflow reduction and a program and schedule for removing inflow sources.

(H) Within one year after the Department's approval of the program, the permit holder must begin implementation of the program.

(I) Paragraphs (A) through (G) of this subsection does not apply to the cities of Athena, Elgin, Adair Village, Halsey, Harrisburg, Independence, Carlton and Sweet Home. Mass load limits have been individually assigned to these facilities.

(b) For new sewage treatment facilities or treatment facilities expanding the average dry weather treatment capacity, and receiving engineering plans and specifications approval from the Department after June 30, 1992, the mass load limits must be calculated by the Department based on the proposed treatment facility capabilities and the highest and best practicable treatment to minimize the discharge of pollutants;

(c) Mass load limits as defined in this rule may be replaced by more stringent limits if required by waste load allocations established in accordance with a TMDL for treatment facilities discharging to water quality limited streams, or if required to prevent or eliminate violations of water quality standards;

(d) In the event that the design average wet weather flow or the hydraulic secondary treatment capacity is not known or has not been approved by the Department at the time of permit issuance, the permit must include as interim mass load limits the mass load limits in the previous permit issued to the permit holder for the treatment facility. The permit must also include a requirement that the permit holder must submit to the Department the design average wet weather flow and hydraulic secondary treatment capacity within 12 months after permit issuance. Upon review and approval of the design flow information, the

Department will modify the permit and include mass load limits as described in subsection (a) of this section;

(e) Each permit holder with existing sewage treatment facilities otherwise subject to subsection (a) of this section may choose mass load limits calculated as follows:

(A) The monthly average mass load expressed as pounds per day may not exceed the applicable monthly concentration effluent limit times the design average dry weather flow expressed in million gallons per day times 8.34 pounds per gallon;

(B) The weekly average mass load expressed as pounds per day may not exceed the monthly average mass load times 1.5;

(C) The daily mass load expressed in pounds per day may not exceed the monthly average mass load times 2.0. In the event that existing mass load limits are retained by the permit holder, the terms and requirements of subsection (a) of this section will not apply.

(f) The Commission may grant exceptions to subsection (a) of this section. In allowing increased discharged loads, the Commission must make the findings specified in OAR 340-041-0004(9)(a) for waste loads, and in addition must make the following findings:

(A) That mass loads as calculated in subsection (a) of this section cannot be achieved with the existing treatment facilities operated at maximum efficiency at projected design flows; and

(B) That there are no practicable alternatives to achieving the mass loads as calculated in subsection (a) of this section.

(11) Forestry on State and Private Lands. For forest operations on State or private lands, water quality standards are intended to be attained and are implemented through best management practices and other control mechanisms established under the Forest Practices Act (ORS 527.610 to 527.992) and rules thereunder, administered by the Oregon Department of Forestry. Therefore, forest operations that are in compliance with the Forest Practices Act requirements are (except for the limits set out in ORS 527.770) deemed in compliance with this Division. DEQ will work with the Oregon Department of Forestry to revise the Forest Practices program to attain water quality standards.

(12) Agricultural water quality management plans to reduce agricultural nonpoint source pollution are developed and implemented by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) through a cooperative agreement with the Department to implement applicable provisions of ORS 568.900 to 568.933 and ORS 561.191. If the Department has reason to believe that agricultural discharges or activities are contributing to water quality problems resulting in water quality standards violations, the Department may consult with the ODA. If water quality impacts are likely from agricultural sources, and the Department determines that a water quality management plan is necessary, the Director may write a letter to the Director of the ODA requesting that such a management plan be prepared and implemented to reduce pollutant loads and achieve the water quality criteria.

(13) Agriculture and Forestry on Federal Lands. Agriculture and forestry activities conducted on federal land must meet the requirements of this Division

and are subject to the department's jurisdiction. Pursuant to Memoranda of Agreement with the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, water quality standards are expected to be met through the development and implementation of water quality restoration plans, best management practices and aquatic conservation strategies. Where a Federal Agency is a Designated Management Agency by the Department, implementation of these plans, practices and strategies is deemed compliance with this Division.

(14) Testing methods: The analytical testing methods for determining compliance with the water quality standards contained in this rule must be in accordance with 40 CFR Part 136, or if Part 136 does not prescribe a method, then the most recent edition of *Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Waste Water* published jointly by the American Public Health Association, American Water Works Association, and Water Pollution Control Federation, unless the Department has published an applicable superseding method, in which case testing must be in accordance with the superseding method; provided, however, that testing in accordance with an alternative method must comply with this rule if the Department has published the method or has approved the method in writing. Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)
Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Basin-Specific Criteria (Main Stem Columbia River)

340-041-0101

Beneficial Uses to Be Protected in the Main Stem Columbia River

(1) Water quality in the main stem Columbia River (see Figure 1) must be managed to protect the designated beneficial uses shown in Table 101A (November 2003).

(2) Designated fish uses to be protected in the main stem Columbia River are shown in Table 101B (November 2003).

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)
Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0103

Approved TMDLs in the Basin:

The following TMDLs have been approved by EPA, and appear on the Department's web site:

Columbia River – Dioxin – February 25, 1991

Columbia River - Dissolved Gas – November 11, 2002

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)
Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0104

Water Quality Standards and Policies Specific to the Main Stem Columbia River

(1) pH (hydrogen ion concentration). pH values may not fall outside the following range: main stem Columbia River (mouth to river mile 309): 7.0 – 8.5.

(2) Total Dissolved Solids. Guide concentrations listed below must not be exceeded unless otherwise specifically authorized by DEQ upon such conditions as it may deem necessary to carry out the general intent of this plan and to protect the beneficial uses set forth in OAR 340-041-0101:

(a) Main stem Columbia River (river miles 120 to 147 and 210-309) — 200.0 mg/l;

(b) All other river miles of main stem Columbia River — 500.0 mg/l.

(3) Total Dissolved Gas. The Commission may modify the total dissolved gas criteria in the Columbia River for the purpose of allowing increased spill for salmonid migration. The Commission must find that:

(a) Failure to act would result in greater harm to salmonid stock survival through in-river migration than would occur by increased spill;

(b) The modified total dissolved gas criteria associated with the increased spill provides a reasonable balance of the risk of impairment due to elevated total dissolved gas to both resident biological communities and other migrating fish and to migrating adult and juvenile salmonids when compared to other options for in-river migration of salmon;

(c) Adequate data will exist to determine compliance with the standards; and

(d) Biological monitoring is occurring to document that the migratory salmonid and resident biological communities are being protected.

(e) The Commission will give public notice and notify all known interested parties and will make provision for opportunity to be heard and comment on the evidence presented by others, except that the Director may modify the total dissolved gas criteria for emergencies for a period not exceeding 48 hours;

(f) The Commission may, at its discretion, consider alternative modes of migration.

(4) Minimum Design Criteria for Treatment and Control of Sewage Wastes:

(a) During periods of low stream flows (see subsections (A) and (B) below): Treatment resulting in monthly average effluent concentrations not to exceed 20 mg/l of BOD and 20 mg/l of SS or equivalent control. Periods of low stream flow vary throughout the main stem Columbia River. Low stream flow periods are listed below, by river mile:

(A) River miles 120 to 147: Approximately July 1 to January 31;

(B) River miles 147 to 218: Approximately May 1 to October 31.

(b) During periods of high stream flows (see subsections (A) and (B) below): A minimum of secondary treatment or equivalent control and unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Department, operation of all waste treatment and control facilities at maximum practicable efficiency and effectiveness so as to minimize waste discharges to public waters.

(A) River miles 120 to 147: Approximately February 1 to June 30;

(B) River miles 147 to 218: Approximately November 1 to April 30.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Basin-Specific Criteria (Main Stem Snake River)

340-041-0121

Beneficial Uses to Be Protected in the Main Stem Snake River

- (1) Water quality in the main stem Snake River (see Figure 1) must be managed to protect the designated beneficial uses shown in Table 121A (November 2003).
(2) Designated fish uses to be protected in the main stem Snake River are shown in Table 121B (November 2003).

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0122

Approved TMDLs in the Basin:

The following TMDLs have been approved by EPA, and appear on the Department's web site:

None

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0124

Water Quality Standards and Policies Specific to the Main Stem Snake River

(1) pH (hydrogen ion concentration). pH values may not fall outside the following range: main stem Snake River (river miles 260 to 335): 7.0 – 9.0.

(2) Total Dissolved Solids. Guide concentrations listed below may not be exceeded unless otherwise specifically authorized by DEQ upon such conditions as it may deem necessary to carry out the general intent of this plan and to protect the beneficial uses set forth in OAR 340-041-0120: main stem Snake River — 750.0 mg/l.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Basin-Specific Criteria (Deschutes)

340-041-0130

Beneficial Uses to Be Protected in the Deschutes Basin

- (1) Water quality in the Deschutes Basin (see Figure 1) must be managed to protect the designated beneficial uses shown in Table 130A (November 2003).
(2) Designated fish uses to be protected in the Deschutes Basin are shown in Figures 130A and 130B (November 2003).

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0133

Approved TMDLs in the Basin:

The following TMDLs have been approved by EPA, and appear on the Department's web site:

None

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0135

Water Quality Standards and Policies for this Basin

(1) pH (hydrogen ion concentration). pH values may not fall outside the following ranges:

(a) All other Basin streams (except Cascade lakes): 6.5–8.5;

(b) Cascade lakes above 3,000 feet altitude: pH values may not fall outside the range of 6.0 to 8.5.

(2) Total Dissolved Solids. Guide concentrations listed below may not be exceeded unless otherwise specifically authorized by DEQ upon such conditions as it may deem necessary to carry out the general intent of this plan and to protect the beneficial uses set forth in OAR 340-041-0562: 500.0 mg/l.

(3) La Pine Aquifer.

(a) In order to protect the shallow aquifer located in the vicinity of the community of La Pine in Deschutes County for present and future use as a drinking water source, it is the policy of the Environmental Quality Commission to support the implementation of the La Pine Aquifer Management Plan adopted by the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners on September 28, 1982, by requiring the following:

(b) The waste water generated outside the core area of the community of La Pine but within the study area described in the La Pine Aquifer Management Plan, will be subjected to regulation under the Department's on-site waste disposal rules (OAR Chapter 340, Division 71);

(A) The core area of the community of La Pine is that area defined as follows: Located in a portion of Sections 10, 11, 14, and 15, Township 22 South, Range 10 East, Willamette Meridian, Deschutes County, Oregon, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of the intersection of U.S. Highway 97 and First Street (aka Reed Road); thence in a northeasterly direction along the westerly right-of-way line of said U.S. Highway 97 a distance of 1,480 feet, more or less, to the intersection of said U.S. Highway 97 and the northerly line of the south one-half of the southwest one-quarter of said Section 11; thence in a westerly direction along the northerly line of the south one-half of the southwest one-quarter of said Section 11 a distance of 1,950 feet, more or less, to the south one-sixteenth corner between said Sections 10 and 11; thence in a northerly direction along the section line between Sections 10 and 11, 990 feet, more or less, to the northeast corner of the south one-half of the north one-half of the northeast one-quarter of the southeast one-quarter of said Section 10 being the northeast corner of the Bend-La Pine School District property; thence

in a westerly direction along the north line of the said south one-half of the north one-half of the northeast one-quarter of the southeast one-quarter, being the north line of the said Bend-La Pine School District property, 1,320 feet, more or less, to the northwest corner of the south one-half of the north one-half of the southeast one-quarter of the southeast one-quarter of said Section 10, said point further being the northwest corner of the Bend-La Pine School District property; thence in a southerly direction along the westerly line of the east one-half of the southeast one-quarter of said Section 10, 2, 310 feet, more or less, to a point at the intersection of the westerly line of the southeast one-quarter of the southeast one-quarter of said Section 10 and the northerly right-of-way line of said First Street, said point further being the southwest corner of the Bend-La Pine School District property; thence in an easterly direction along the northerly right-of-way line of said First Street, 350 feet, more or less, to a point on the northerly right-of-way line of said First Street due north of the northwest corner of the alley in Block 16 of the Plat of La Pine Subdivision; thence in a southerly direction along the westerly side of said alley 550 feet, more or less, to a point along the southerly right-of-way of 2nd Street due south of the southwest corner of the alley in Block 16 of the Plat of La Pine Subdivision; thence in an easterly direction along the southerly right-of-way of 2nd Street, 390 feet, more or less, to the southwest corner of the intersection of Stillwell Street and 2nd Street; thence in a southerly direction along the westerly right-of-way line of said Stillwell Street, 950 feet, more or less, to the northwest corner of the intersection of said Stillwell Street and 4th Street; thence in a southerly direction along the west right-of-way line of Stillwell Street approximately 1,186 feet to the northwest corner of the intersection of Stillwell Street and Hill Street; thence in a southwesterly direction along the west right-of-way line of Hill Street approximately 340 feet to the intersection of the west line of Hill Street with the north line of 8th Street; thence westerly along the north line of 8th Street, 41 feet, more or less to the northeast corner of the intersection of 8th Street and Stearns Street; thence in a southerly direction along the east right-of-way line of Stearns Street approximately 387 feet to the northeast corner of the intersection of Stearns Street and 9th Street; thence in an easterly direction along the north right-of-way line of 9th Street and the easterly extension of the north line of said 9th Street, 1,093 feet to its intersection with the east right-of-way line of Pengra Huntington Road; thence in a northerly direction along the east right-of-way line of Pengra Huntington Road approximately 1,166 feet to the southwest corner of Lot 31, Government Homesite Tracts; thence in an easterly direction along the south boundary of said Lot 31 approximately 263 feet to the southeast corner of said Lot 31; thence in a northerly direction along the east boundary of said Lot 31 approximately 200 feet to the south right-of-way line of Finley Butte Road; thence in an easterly direction along the south right-of-way line of Finley Butte Road approximately 675 feet to the southeast corner of the intersection of Finley Butte Road and Bonnie Road; thence in a northerly direction along the east right-of-way line of Bonnie Road approximately 1,075 feet to the southeast corner of the intersection of Bonnie Road and William Foss Road; thence in an easterly direction along the southerly right-of-way line of said William Foss Road, 1,640 feet, more or less, to the north-

south center section line of said Section 14 thence in a northerly direction along the north-south center line of said Section 14, 1,635 feet, more or less, to the north right-of-way line of said First Street (aka Reed Road); thence in a westerly direction along the north right-of-way line of said First Street, 1,432 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning;

(B) All dwellings and buildings that contain plumbing fixtures inside this core area boundary must eliminate the discharge of inadequately treated sewage, abandon existing on-site sewage disposal systems and connect to the regional sewerage facility. This must be done within 90 days following notification by the approved regional sewerage agency that sewer service is available.

(c) Waste disposal systems for new developments within the La Pine Aquifer Management Plan Boundary where development density exceeds two single family equivalent dwelling units per acre or which have an aggregate waste flow in excess of 5,000 gallons per day may only be approved if a study is conducted by the applicant which convinces the department that the aquifer will not be unreasonably degraded.

(4) In addition to the requirements set forth in section (3) of this rule, the following actions are encouraged:

(a) Since the aquifer is presently degraded to the point where it does not meet Federal Drinking Water Standards, and the installation of sewer facilities will not immediately restore the quality to safe levels, Deschutes County should notify the citizens of the La Pine core area of the need to develop a safe drinking water supply for the community as soon as possible;

(b) Residents of the La Pine area are encouraged to test their drinking water frequently;

(c) Owners of underground liquid storage tanks are encouraged to periodically test the storage tanks to assure prompt detection and repair of leaks;

(d) Data on the quality of the shallow aquifer in and around La Pine should be obtained on a periodic basis to assess the effect of the above waste water management decisions on the quality of the groundwater.

(5) Minimum Design Criteria for Treatment and Control of Sewage Wastes:

(a) Metolius River Subbasin and Deschutes River Basin above Bend Diversion Dam (river mile 165): Treatment resulting in monthly average effluent concentrations not to exceed 5 mg/l of BOD and 5 mg/l of SS or equivalent control;

(b) Deschutes River from the Bend Diversion Dam (river mile 165) downstream to the Pelton Reregulating Dam (river mile 100) and for the Crooked River Subbasin:

(A) During periods of low stream flows (approximately April 1 to October 31): Treatment resulting in monthly average effluent concentrations not to exceed 10 mg/l of BOD and 10 mg/l of SS or equivalent control;

(B) During the period of high stream flows (approximately November 1 to March 31): A minimum of secondary treatment or equivalent and unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Department, operation of all waste treatment and control facilities at maximum practicable efficiency and effectiveness so as to minimize waste discharges to public waters.

(c) Deschutes from the Pelton Reregulating Dam (river mile 100) downstream to the mouth:

(A) During periods of low stream flows (approximately April 1 to October 31): Treatment resulting in monthly average effluent concentrations not to exceed 20 mg/l of BOD and 20 mg/l of SS or equivalent control;

(B) During the period of high stream flows (approximately November 1 to March 31): A minimum of secondary treatment or equivalent and unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Department, operation of all waste treatment and control facilities at maximum practicable efficiency and effectiveness so as to minimize waste discharges to public waters.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Basin-Specific Criteria (Goose and Summer Lakes)

340-041-0140

Beneficial Uses to be Protected in Goose and Summer Lake Basins

(1) Water quality in the Goose and Summer Lake Basins (see Figure 1) must be managed to protect the designated beneficial uses shown in Table 140A (November 2003).

(2) Designated fish uses to be protected in the Goose and Summer Lake Basins are shown in Table 140B (November 2003).

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0143

Approved TMDLs in the Basin:

The following TMDLs have been approved by EPA, and appear on the Department's web site:

None

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0145

Water Quality Standards and Policies for this Basin

(1) pH (hydrogen ion concentration):

(a) Goose Lake: pH values may not fall outside the range of 7.5 to 9.5;

(b) All other basin waters. pH values may not fall outside the range of 7.0 to 9.0. When greater than 25 percent of ambient measurements taken between June and September are greater than pH 8.7, and as resources are available according to priorities set by the Department, the Department will determine whether the values higher than 8.7 are anthropogenic or natural in origin.

(2) Total Dissolved Solids. Guide concentrations listed below may not be exceeded unless otherwise specifically authorized by DEQ upon such conditions

as it may deem necessary to carry out the general intent of this plan and to protect the beneficial uses set forth in OAR 340-041-0140: None.

(3) Minimum Design Criteria for Treatment and Control of Sewage Wastes: a minimum of secondary treatment or equivalent control and unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Department, operation of all waste treatment and control facilities at maximum practicable efficiency and effectiveness so as to minimize waste discharges to public waters.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Basin-Specific Criteria (Grande Ronde)

340-041-0151

Beneficial Uses to Be Protected in the Grande Ronde Basin

(1) Water quality in the Grande Ronde Basin (see Figure 1) must be managed to protect the designated beneficial uses shown in Table 151A (November 2003).

(2) Designated fish uses to be protected in the Grande Ronde Basin are shown in Figures 151A and 151B (November 2003).

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0154

Approved TMDLs in the Basin:

The following TMDLs have been approved by EPA, and appear on the Department's web site:

Upper Grande Ronde – Temperature, Sediment, Nitrogen and Phosphorous – May 3, 2000

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0156

Water Quality Standards and Policies for this Basin

(1) pH (hydrogen ion concentration). pH values may not fall outside the following range: all basin streams (other than main stem Snake River): 6.5–9.0. When greater than 25 percent of ambient measurements taken between June and September are greater than pH 8.7, and as resources are available according to priorities set by the Department, the Department will determine whether the values higher than 8.7 are anthropogenic or natural in origin.

(2) Total Dissolved Solids. Guide concentrations listed below may not be exceeded unless otherwise specifically authorized by DEQ upon such conditions as it may deem necessary to carry out the general intent of this plan and to protect the beneficial uses set forth in OAR 340-041-0150: main stem Grande Ronde River — 200.0 mg/l;

(3) Minimum Design Criteria for Treatment and Control of Sewage Wastes:

(a) During periods of low stream flows (approximately June 1 to October 31):

Treatment resulting in monthly average effluent concentrations not to exceed 20 mg/l of BOD and 20 mg/l of suspended solids or equivalent control;

(b) During the period of high stream flows (approximately November 1 to May 31): A minimum of secondary treatment or equivalent control and unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Department, operation of all waste treatment and control facilities at maximum practicable efficiency and effectiveness so as to minimize waste discharges to public waters.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Basin-Specific Criteria (Hood)

340-041-0160

Beneficial Uses to Be Protected in the Hood Basin

(1) Water quality in the Hood Basin (see Figure 1) must be managed to protect the designated beneficial uses shown in Table 160A (November 2003).

(2) Designated fish uses to be protected in the Hood Basin are shown in Figures 160A and 160B (November 2003).

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0164

Approved TMDLs in the Basin:

The following TMDLs have been approved by EPA, and appear on the Department's web site:

Western Hood – Temperature – January 30, 2002

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0165

Water Quality Standards and Policies for this Basin

(1) pH (hydrogen ion concentration). pH values may not fall outside the following ranges:

(a) Hood River Basin streams (except main stem Columbia River and Cascade lakes): pH values may not fall outside the range of 6.5 to 8.5;

(b) Cascade lakes above 3,000 feet altitude: pH values may not fall outside the range of 6.0 to 8.5.

(2) Total Dissolved Solids. Guide concentrations listed below may not be exceeded unless otherwise specifically authorized by DEQ upon such conditions as it may deem necessary to carry out the general intent of this plan and to protect the beneficial uses set forth in OAR 340-041-0160: 500.0 mg/l.

(3) Minimum Design Criteria for Treatment and Control of Sewage Wastes in this Basin:

(a) During periods of low stream flows (approximately May 1 to October 31): Hood River Basin streams (except main stem Columbia River): Treatment

resulting in monthly average effluent concentrations not to exceed 10 mg/l of BOD and 10 mg/l of suspended solids or equivalent control.

(b) During the period of high stream flows (approximately November 1 to April 30): A minimum of secondary treatment or equivalent control and unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Department, operation of all waste treatment and control facilities at maximum practicable efficiency and effectiveness so as to minimize waste discharges to public waters.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Basin-Specific Criteria (John Day)

340-041-0170

Beneficial Uses to Be Protected in the John Day Basin

(1) Water quality in the John Day Basin (see Figure 1) must be managed to protect the designated beneficial uses shown in Table 170A (November 2003).

(2) Designated fish uses to be protected in the John Day Basin are shown in Figures 170A and 170B (November 2003).

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0174

Approved TMDLs in the Basin:

The following TMDLs have been approved by EPA, and appear on the Department's web site:

None

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0175

Water Quality Standards and Policies for this Basin

(1) pH (hydrogen ion concentration). pH values may not fall outside the following range: all Basin streams (other than the main stem Colombia River): 6.5 – 9.0.

When greater than 25 percent of ambient measurements taken between June and September are greater than pH 8.7, and as resources are available according to priorities set by the Department, the Department will determine whether the values higher than 8.7 are anthropogenic or natural in origin.

(2) Total Dissolved Solids. Guide concentrations listed below may not be exceeded unless otherwise specifically authorized by DEQ upon such conditions as it may deem necessary to carry out the general intent of this plan and to protect the beneficial uses set forth in OAR 340-041-0170: John Day River and Tributaries — 500.0 mg/l.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Basin-Specific Criteria (Klamath)

340-041-0180

Beneficial Uses to Be Protected in the Klamath Basin

(1) Water quality in the Klamath Basin (see Figure 1) must be managed to protect the designated beneficial uses shown in Table 180A (November 2003).

(2) Designated fish uses to be protected in the Klamath Basin are shown in Figure 180A (November 2003).

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0184

Approved TMDLs in the Basin:

The following TMDLs have been approved by EPA, and appear on the Department's web site:

Upper Klamath Lake Drainage – Temperature, Dissolved Oxygen, pH, Chlorophyll a – August 7, 2002.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0185

Water Quality Standards and Policies for this Basin

(1) pH (hydrogen ion concentration). pH values may not fall outside the following ranges:

(a) Fresh waters except Cascade lakes: pH values may not fall outside the range of 6.5 – 9.0. When greater than 25 percent of ambient measurements taken between June and September are greater than pH 8.7, and as resources are available according to priorities set by the Department, the Department will determine whether the values higher than 8.7 are anthropogenic or natural in origin;

(b) Cascade lakes above 5,000 feet altitude: pH values may not fall outside the range of 6.0 to 8.5.

(2) Total Dissolved Solids. Guide concentrations listed below may not be exceeded unless otherwise specifically authorized by DEQ upon such conditions as it may deem necessary to carry out the general intent of this plan and to protect the beneficial uses set forth in OAR 340-041-0180: main stem Klamath River from Klamath Lake to the Oregon-California Border (river miles 255 to 208.5): The specific conductance may not exceed 400 micro-ohms at 77°F when measured at the Oregon-California Border (river mile 208.5).

(3) Minimum Design Criteria for Treatment and Control of Sewage Wastes:

(a) During periods of low streams flows (approximately May 1 to October 31): Treatment resulting in monthly average effluent concentrations not to exceed 20 mg/l of BOD and 20 of suspended solids or equivalent control;

(b) During the period of high stream flows (approximately November 1 to April

30): A minimum of secondary treatment or equivalent control and unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Department, operation of all waste treatment and control facilities to maximum practicable efficient and effectiveness so as to minimize waste discharge to public waters.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Basin-Specific Criteria (Malheur Lake)

340-041-0190

Beneficial Uses to Be Protected in the Malheur Lake Basin

(1) Water quality in the Malheur Lake Basin (see Figure 1) must be managed to protect the designated beneficial uses shown in Table 190A (November 2003).

(2) Designated fish uses to be protected in the Malheur Lake Basin are shown in Table 190B (November 2003).

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0194

Approved TMDLs in the Basin:

The following TMDLs have been approved by EPA, and appear on the Department's web site:

None

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0195

Water Quality Standards and Policies for this Basin

(1) pH (hydrogen ion concentration). pH values may not fall outside the range of 7.0 to 9.0. When greater than 25 percent of ambient measurements taken between June and September are greater than pH 8.7, and as resources are available according to priorities set by the Department, the Department will determine whether the values higher than 8.7 are anthropogenic or natural in origin.

(2) Total Dissolved Solids. Guide concentrations listed below may not be exceeded unless otherwise specifically authorized by DEQ upon such conditions as it may deem necessary to carry out the general intent of this plan and to protect the beneficial uses set forth in OAR 340-041-0190: None.

(3) Minimum Design Criteria for Treatment and Control of Sewage wastes: a minimum of secondary treatment or equivalent control and unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Department, operation of all waste treatment and control facilities at maximum practicable efficiency and effectiveness so as to minimize waste discharges to public waters.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Basin-Specific Criteria (Malheur River)

340-041-0201

Beneficial Uses to Be Protected in the Malheur River Basin

- (1) Water quality in the Malheur River Basin (see Figure 1) must be managed to protect the designated beneficial uses shown in Table 201A (November 2003).
(2) Designated fish uses to be protected in the Malheur River Basin are shown in Figure 201A (November 2003).

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0204

Approved TMDLs in the Basin:

The following TMDLs have been approved by EPA, and appear on the Department's web site:

None

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0207

Water Quality Standards and Policies for this Basin

(1) pH (hydrogen ion concentration). pH values may not fall outside the range of 7.0 to 9.0. When greater than 25 percent of ambient measurements taken between June and September are greater than pH 8.7, and as resources are available according to priorities set by the Department, the Department will determine whether the values higher than 8.7 are anthropogenic or natural in origin.

(2) Total Dissolved Solids. Guide concentrations listed below may not be exceeded unless otherwise specifically authorized by DEQ upon such conditions as it may deem necessary to carry out the general intent of this plan and to protect the beneficial uses set forth in OAR 340-041-0201: Snake River — 750.0 mg/l.

(3) Minimum Design Criteria for Treatment Control of Sewage Wastes:

- (a) During periods of low stream flow (approximately May 1 to October 31): Treatment resulting in monthly average effluent concentrations not to exceed 20 mg/l of BOD and 20 mg/l of SS or equivalent control;
(b) During periods of high stream flow (approximately November 1 to April 30): A minimum of Secondary Treatment or equivalent control and unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Department, operation of all waste treatment and control facilities at maximum practicable efficiency and effectiveness so as to minimize waste discharges to public waters.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Basin-Specific Criteria (Mid Coast Basin)

340-041-0220

Beneficial Uses to Be Protected in the Mid Coast Basin

- (1) Water quality in the Mid Coast Basin (see Figure 1) may be managed to protect the designated beneficial uses shown in Table 220A (November 2003).
(2) Designated fish uses to be protected in the Mid Coast Basin are shown in Figures 220A and 220B (November 2003).

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0224

Approved TMDLs in the Basin:

The following TMDLs have been approved by EPA, and appear on the Department's web site:

Clear Lake – Phosphorus – December 8, 1992

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0225

Water Quality Standards and Policies for this Basin

- (1) pH (hydrogen ion concentration). pH values may not fall outside the following ranges:

- (a) Marine waters: 7.0 – 8.5;
- (b) Estuarine and fresh waters: 6.5 – 8.5.

(2) Total Dissolved Solids. Guide concentrations listed below may not be exceeded unless otherwise specifically authorized by DEQ upon such conditions as it may deem necessary to carry out the general intent of this plan and to protect the beneficial uses set forth in OAR 340-041-0220: 100.0 mg/l.

(3) Nutrients in Clear Lake Watershed. In order to preserve the existing high quality water in Clear Lake north of Florence for use as a public water supply source requiring only minimal filtration, it is the policy of the Environmental Quality Commission to protect the Clear Lake watershed including both surface and groundwater, from existing and potential contamination sources with the following requirements:

- (a) The total phosphorus maximum annual loading discharged into Clear Lake may not exceed 241 pounds per year from all sources.
- (b) The total phosphorus maximum annual loading for the Clear Lake watershed may be deemed exceeded if the median concentration of total phosphorus from samples collected in the epilimnion between May 1 and September 30 exceed nine micrograms per liter during two consecutive years.
- (c) Of the total phosphorus loading of 241 pounds per year specified in section (1) of this rule, 192 pounds per year will be considered current background and Department reserve and is not available to other sources.

(d) The total phosphorus maximum annual loading discharged into Collard Lake may not exceed 123 pounds per year.

(e) If water quality monitoring within the Clear Lake watershed indicates degradation, the Commission may require additional studies, corrective actions, or both, by rule. Such corrective actions may include but are not limited to the construction of sewage collection and off-site treatment and disposal facilities.

(4) Minimum Design Criteria for Treatment and Control of Sewage Wastes:

(a) During periods of low stream flows (approximately May 1 to October 31): Treatment resulting in monthly average effluent concentrations not to exceed 20 mg/l of BOD and 20 mg/l of SS, or equivalent control;

(b) During the period of high stream flows (approximately November 1 to April 30) and for direct ocean discharges: a minimum of secondary treatment or equivalent control, and unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Department, operation of all waste treatment and control facilities at maximum practicable efficiency and effectiveness so as to minimize waste discharges to public waters.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Basin-Specific Criteria (North Coast)

340-041-0230

Beneficial Uses to Be Protected in the North Coast Basin

(1) Water quality in the North Coast Basin (see Figure 1) must be managed to protect the designated beneficial uses shown in Table 230A (November 2003).

(2) Designated fish uses to be protected in the North Coast Basin are shown in Figures 230A and 230B (November 2003).

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0234

Approved TMDLs in the Basin:

The following TMDLs have been approved by EPA, and appear on the Department's web site:

Nestucca Bay Drainage – Temperature, Bacteria and Sediment – May 13, 2002

Tillamook Bay Drainage – Temperature and Bacteria – July 31, 2001

North Coast – Temperature and Bacteria - August 20, 2003

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0235

Water Quality Standards and Policies for this Basin

(1) pH (hydrogen ion concentration). pH values may not fall outside the following ranges:

(a) Marine waters: 7.0—8.5;

(b) Estuarine and fresh waters: 6.5—8.5.

(2) Total Dissolved Solids. Guide concentrations may not be exceeded unless otherwise specifically authorized by DEQ upon such conditions as it may deem necessary to carry out the general intent of this plan and to protect the beneficial uses set forth in OAR 340-041-0230: All Fresh Water Streams and Tributaries (other than the main stem Columbia River) — 100.0 mg/l.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Basin-Specific Criteria (Owyhee)

340-041-0250

Beneficial Uses to Be Protected in the Owyhee Basin

(1) Water quality in the Owyhee Basin (see Figure 1) must be managed to protect the designated beneficial uses shown in Table 250A (November 2003).

(2) Designated fish uses to be protected in the Owyhee Basin are shown in Table 250B (November 2003).

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0254

Approved TMDLs in the Basin:

The following TMDLs have been approved by EPA, and appear on the Department's web site:

None

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0256

Water Quality Standards and Policies for this Basin

(1) pH (hydrogen ion concentration). pH values may not fall outside the range of 7.0 to 9.0. When greater than 25 percent of ambient measurements taken between June and September are greater than pH 8.7, and as resources are available according to priorities set by the Department, the Department will determine whether the values higher than 8.7 are anthropogenic or natural in origin.

(2) Total Dissolved Solids. Guide concentrations listed below may not be exceeded unless otherwise specifically authorized by DEQ upon such conditions as it may deem necessary to carry out the general intent of this plan and to protect the beneficial uses set forth in OAR 340-041-0250: Snake River — 750.0 mg/l.

(3) Minimum Design Criteria for Treatment and Control of Sewage Wastes: a minimum of secondary treatment or equivalent control and unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Department, operation of all waste treatment and

control facilities at maximum practicable efficiency and effectiveness so as to minimize waste discharges to public waters.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Basin-Specific Criteria (Powder/Burnt)

340-041-0260

Beneficial Uses to Be Protected in the Powder/Burnt Basins

(1) Water quality in the Powder/Burnt Basins (see Figure 1) must be managed to protect the designated beneficial uses shown in Table 260A (November 2003).

(2) Designated fish uses to be protected in the Powder/Burnt Basins are shown in Figure 260A (November 2003).

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0264

Approved TMDLs in the Basin:

The following TMDLs have been approved by EPA, and appear on the Department's web site:

None

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0265

Water Quality Standards and Policies for this Basin

(1) pH (hydrogen ion concentration). pH values may not fall outside the following range: all Basin streams (other than main stem Snake River): 6.5 – 9.0. When greater than 25 percent of ambient measurements taken between June and September are greater than pH 8.7, and as resources are available according to priorities set by the Department, the Department will determine whether the values higher than 8.7 are anthropogenic or natural in origin.

(2) Minimum Design Criteria for Treatment and Control of Sewage Wastes: a minimum of secondary treatment or equivalent control and unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Department, the operation of all waste treatment and control facilities at maximum practicable efficiency and effectiveness so as to minimize waste discharges to public waters.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Basin-Specific Criteria (Rogue)

340-041-0271

Beneficial Uses to Be Protected in the Rogue Basin

(1) Water quality in the Rogue Basin (see Figure 1) must be managed to protect the designated beneficial uses shown in Table 271A (November 2003).

(2) Designated fish uses to be protected in the Rogue Basin are shown in Figures 271A and 271B (November 2003).

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0274

Approved TMDLs in the Basin:

The following TMDLs have been approved by EPA, and appear on the Department's web site:

Bear Creek – Ammonia, BOD and Phosphorus – December 8, 1992

Lobster Creek – Temperature – June 13, 2002

Lower Sucker Creek – Temperature – May 30, 2002

Upper Sucker Creek – Temperature – May 4, 1999

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0275

Water Quality Standards and Policies for this Basin

(1) pH (hydrogen ion concentration). pH values may not fall outside the following ranges:

(a) Marine waters: 7.0 – 8.5;

(b) Estuarine and fresh waters (except Cascade lakes): 6.5 – 8.5;

(c) Cascade lakes above 3,000 feet altitude: pH values may not fall outside the range of 6.0 to 8.5.

(2) Total Dissolved Solids. Guide concentrations listed below may not be exceeded unless otherwise specifically authorized by DEQ upon such conditions as it may deem necessary to carry out the general intent of this plan and to protect the beneficial uses set forth in OAR 340-041-0271: 500.0 mg/l.

(3) Minimum Design Criteria for Treatment and Control of Sewage Wastes:

(a) During periods of low stream flows (approximately May 1 to October 31):

Treatment resulting in monthly average effluent concentrations not to exceed 10 mg/l of BOD and 10 mg/l of SS or equivalent control;

(b) During the period of high stream flows (approximately November 1 to April 30): A minimum of secondary treatment or equivalent control and unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Department, operation of all waste treatment and control facilities at maximum practicable efficiency and effectiveness so as to minimize waste discharges to public waters.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Basin-Specific Criteria (Sandy Basin)

340-041-0286

Beneficial Uses to Be Protected in the Sandy Basin

- (1) Water quality in the Sandy Basin (see Figure 1) must be managed to protect the designated beneficial uses shown in Table 286A (November 2003).
(2) Designated fish uses to be protected in the Sandy Basin are shown in Figures 286A and 286B (November 2003).

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0289

Approved TMDLs in the Basin:

The following TMDLs have been approved by EPA, and appear on the Department's web site:

None

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0290

Water Quality Standards and Policies for this Basin

- (1) pH (hydrogen ion concentration). pH values may not fall outside the following ranges:

(a) All Basin waters (except main stem Columbia River and Cascade lakes): pH values may not fall outside the range of 6.5 to 8.5;

(b) Cascade lakes above 3,000 feet altitude: pH values may not fall outside the range of 6.0 to 8.5.

(2) Total Dissolved Solids. Guide concentrations listed below may not be exceeded unless otherwise specifically authorized by DEQ upon such conditions as it may deem necessary to carry out the general intent of this plan and to protect the beneficial uses set forth in OAR 340-041-0286: All Basin Waters (other than the main stem Columbia river) — 100.0 mg/l.

(3) Minimum Design Criteria for Treatment and Control of Sewage Wastes:

(a) All Basin waters (except main stem Columbia River):

(A) During periods of low stream flows (approximately June 1 to October 31):

Treatment resulting in monthly average effluent concentrations not to exceed 10 mg/l of BOD and 10 mg/l of SS or equivalent control;

(B) During the period of high stream flows (approximately November 1 to May 31):

A minimum of secondary treatment or equivalent control and unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Department, operation of all waste treatment and control facilities at maximum practicable efficiency and effectiveness so as to minimize waste discharges to public waters.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Basin-Specific Criteria (South Coast)

340-041-0300

Beneficial Uses to Be Protected in the South Coast Basin

(1) Water quality in the South Coast Basin (see Figure 1) must be managed to protect the designated beneficial uses shown in Table 300A (November 2003).

(2) Designated fish uses to be protected in the South Coast Basin are shown in Figures 300A and 300B (November 2003).

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0304

Approved TMDLs in the Basin

The following TMDLs have been approved by EPA, and appear on the Department's web site:

Coquille – BOD – July 3, 1996

Upper South Fork of the Coquille – Temperature – March 23, 2001

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0305

Water Quality Standards and Policies for this Basin

(1) pH (Hydrogen ion concentration) pH values may not fall outside the following ranges:

(a) Estuarine and fresh waters: 6.5 – 8.5.

(b) Marine waters: 7.0 – 8.5.

(2) Total Dissolved Solids. Guide concentrations listed below may not be exceeded unless otherwise specifically authorized by DEQ upon such conditions as it may deem necessary to carry out the general intent of this plan and to protect the beneficial uses set forth in OAR 340-041-0300: 100.0 mg/l.

(3) Minimum Design Criteria for Treatment and Control of Sewage Wastes:

(a) During periods of low stream flows (approximately May 1 to October 31): Treatment resulting in monthly average effluent concentrations not to exceed 20 mg/l of BOD and 20 mg/l of SS or equivalent control;

(b) During the period of high stream flows (approximately November 1 to April 30) and for direct ocean discharges: A minimum of secondary treatment or equivalent control and unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Department, operation of all waste treatment and control facilities at maximum practicable efficiency and effectiveness so as to minimize waste discharges to public waters.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Basin-Specific Criteria (Umatilla)

340-041-0310

Beneficial Uses to Be Protected in the Umatilla Basin

(1) Water quality in the Umatilla Basin (see Figure 1) must be managed to protect the designated beneficial uses shown in Table 310A (November 2003).

(2) Designated fish uses to be protected in the Umatilla Basin are shown in Figures 310A and 310B (November 2003).

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0314

Approved TMDLs in the Basin:

The following TMDLs have been approved by EPA, and appear on the Department's web site:

Umatilla River Basin – Temperature, pH, Sediment, Turbidity, Aquatic Weeds, and Algae – May 9, 2001

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0315

Water Quality Standards and Policies for this Basin

(1) pH (hydrogen ion concentration). pH values may not fall outside the following range: all Basin streams (other than main stem Columbia River): 6.5 – 9.0. When greater than 25 percent of ambient measurements taken between June and September are greater than pH 8.7, and as resources are available according to priorities set by the Department, the Department will determine whether the values higher than 8.7 are anthropogenic or natural in origin.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Basin-Specific Criteria (Umpqua Basin)

340-041-0320

Beneficial Uses to Be Protected in the Umpqua Basin

(1) Water quality in the Umpqua Basin (see Figure 1) must be managed to protect the designated beneficial uses shown in Table 320A (November 2003).

(2) Designated fish uses to be protected in the Umpqua Basin are shown in Figures 320A and 320B (November 2003).

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0324

Approved TMDLs in the Basin:

The following TMDLs have been approved by EPA, and appear on the Department's web site:

Little River – Temperature, pH and Sediment – January 29, 2002

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0326

Water Quality Standards and Policies for this Basin

(1) pH (hydrogen ion concentration). pH values may not fall outside the following ranges:

(a) Marine waters: 7.0 – 8.5;

(b) Estuarine and fresh waters (except Cascade lakes): 6.5 – 8.5;

(c) Cascade lakes above 3,000 feet altitude: pH values may not fall outside the range of 6.0 to 8.5.

(2) Total Dissolved Solids. Guide concentrations listed below may not be exceeded unless otherwise specifically authorized by DEQ upon such conditions as it may deem necessary to carry out the general intent of this plan and to protect the beneficial uses set forth in OAR 340-041-0320: 500.0 mg/l.

(3) Turbidity (Nephelometric Turbidity Units, NTU). When appropriate studies are completed by the Corps of Engineers, or others, the Environmental Quality Commission will, consistent with the provisions of ORS Chapter 468, modify the turbidity standard, on a case-by-case basis if necessary, to accommodate such specific water storage and development projects in the South Umpqua Basin as are found to be in the best overall interest of the public.

(4) Minimum Design Criteria for Treatment and Control of Sewage Wastes:

(a) During periods of low stream flows (approximately May 1 to October 31):

(A) Main stem Umpqua River, South Umpqua River, and all tributaries to the main stem and South Umpqua Rivers: Treatment resulting in monthly average effluent concentrations not to exceed 10 mg/l of BOD and 10 mg/l of SS or equivalent control;

(B) North Umpqua River from mouth to Idleyld Park (river mile 0 to 35):

Treatment resulting in monthly average effluent concentrations not to exceed 10 mg/l of BOD and 10 mg/l of SS or equivalent control;

(C) North Umpqua River above Idleyld Park (river mile 35) and all tributaries to North Umpqua River: Treatment resulting in monthly average effluent concentrations not to exceed 5 mg/l of BOD and 5 mg/l of SS or equivalent control.

(b) During the period of high stream flows (approximately November 1 to April 30): A minimum of secondary treatment or equivalent control and unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Department, operation of all waste treatment and control facilities at maximum practicable efficiency and effectiveness so as to minimize waste discharges to public waters.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Basin-Specific Criteria (Walla Walla)

340-041-0330

Beneficial Uses to Be Protected in the Walla Walla Basin

(1) Water quality in the Walla Walla Basin (see Figure 1) must be managed to protect the designated beneficial uses shown in Table 330A (November 2003).

(2) Designated fish uses to be protected in the Walla Walla Basin are shown in Figures 310A and 310B (November 2003).

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0334

Approved TMDLs in the Basin:

The following TMDLs have been approved by EPA, and appear on the Department's web site:

None

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0336

Water Quality Standards and Policies for this Basin

(1) pH (hydrogen ion concentration). pH values may not fall outside the range of 6.5 to 9.0. When greater than 25 percent of ambient measurements taken between June and September are greater than pH 8.7, and as resources are available according to priorities set by the Department, the Department will determine whether the values higher than 8.7 are anthropogenic or natural in origin.

(2) Total Dissolved Solids. Guide concentrations listed below may not be exceeded unless otherwise specifically authorized by DEQ upon such conditions as it may deem necessary to carry out the general intent of this plan and to protect the beneficial uses set forth in OAR 340-041-0330: 200.0 mg/l.

(3) Minimum Design Criteria for Treatment and Control of Sewage Wastes in this Basin:

(a) During periods of low stream flows (approximately April 1 to October 31): Treatment resulting in monthly average effluent concentrations not to exceed 20 mg/l of BOD and 20 mg/l of suspended solids or equivalent control;

(b) During the period of high stream flows (approximately November 1 to March 31): A minimum of secondary treatment or equivalent control and unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Department, operation of all waste treatment and control facilities at maximum practicable efficiency and effectiveness so as to minimize waste discharges to public waters.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Basin-Specific Criteria (Willamette)

340-041-0340

Beneficial Uses to Be Protected in the Willamette Basin

(1) Water quality in the Willamette Basin (see Figure 1) must be managed to protect the designated beneficial uses shown in Table 340A (November 2003).

(2) Designated fish uses to be protected in the Willamette Basin are shown in Figures 340A and 340B (November 2003).

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0344

Approved TMDLs in the Basin:

The following TMDLs have been approved by EPA, and appear on the Department's web site:

Columbia Slough - Bacteria, Dissolved Oxygen, Chlorophyll a, pH, lead, PCBs, Dieldrin, Dioxin, DDE/DDT, and Phosphorus – November 25, 1998

Pudding – Ammonia and BOD – October 18, 1993

Rickreall Creek – BOD – April 18, 1994

Tualatin – Temperature, Bacteria, Dissolved Oxygen, Settleable Volatile Solids, Ammonia, Chlorophyll a, pH and Phosphorus – August 7, 2001

Yamhill – Phosphorus – December 8, 1992

Willamette – Dioxin – February 25, 1991

Willamette Coast Fork – Ammonia and Phosphorus – May 17, 1996

Stat. Auth.: ORS 468.020, [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 468B.030](#), [ORS 468B.035](#), [ORS 468B.048](#)

340-041-0345

Water Quality Standards and Policies for this Basin

(1) pH (hydrogen ion concentration). pH values may not fall outside the following ranges:

(a) All basin waters (except main stem Columbia River and Cascade lakes): 6.5 to 8.5;

(b) Cascade lakes above 3,000 feet altitude: 6.0 to 8.5.

(2) Total Dissolved Solids. Guide concentrations listed may not be exceeded unless otherwise specifically authorized by DEQ upon such conditions as it may deem necessary to carry out the general intent of this plan and to protect the beneficial uses set forth in OAR 340-041-0340: Willamette River and Tributaries —100.0 mg/l.

(3) Minimum Design Criteria for Treatment and Control of Sewage Wastes:

(a) Willamette River and tributaries except Tualatin River Subbasin:

(A) During periods of low stream flows (approximately May 1 to October 31):

Treatment resulting in monthly average effluent concentrations not to exceed 10 mg/l of BOD and 10 mg/l of SS or equivalent control;

(B) During the period of high stream flows (approximately November 1 to April 30): A minimum of secondary treatment or equivalent control and unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Department, operation of all waste treatment and control facilities at maximum practical efficiency and effectiveness so as to minimize waste discharges to public waters.

(b) Main stem Tualatin River from mouth to Gaston (river mile 0 to 65):

- (A) During periods of low stream flows (approximately May 1 to October 31): Treatment resulting in monthly average effluent concentrations not to exceed 10 mg/l of BOD and 10 mg/l of SS or equivalent control;
- (B) During the period of high stream flows (approximately November 1 to April 30): Treatment resulting in monthly average effluent concentrations not to exceed 20 mg/l of BOD and 20 mg/l of SS or equivalent control.
- (c) Main stem Tualatin River above Gaston (river mile 65) and all tributaries to the Tualatin River: Treatment resulting in monthly average effluent concentrations not to exceed 5 mg/l of BOD and 5 mg/l of SS or equivalent control;
- (d) Tualatin River Subbasin: The dissolved oxygen level in the discharged effluents may not be less than 6 mg/l;
- (4) Nonpoint source pollution control in the Tualatin River subbasin and lands draining to Oswego Lake:
 - (a) Subsection (5)(b) of this rule applies to any new land development within the Tualatin River and Oswego Lake subbasins, except those developments with application dates prior to January 1, 1990. The application date is the date on which a complete application for development approval is received by the local jurisdiction in accordance with the regulations of the local jurisdiction;
 - (b) For land development, no preliminary plat, site plan, permit or public works project may be approved by any jurisdiction in these subbasins unless the conditions of the plat permit or plan approval include an erosion control plan containing methods and/or interim facilities to be constructed or used concurrently with land development and to be operated during construction to control the discharge of sediment in the stormwater runoff. The erosion control plan must include the following elements:
 - (A) Protection techniques to control soil erosion and sediment transport to less than one ton per acre per year, as calculated using the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Universal Soil Loss Equation or other equivalent methods (see Figures 1 to 6 in Appendix 1 for examples). The erosion control plan must include temporary sedimentation basins or other sediment control devices when, because of steep slopes or other site specific considerations, other on-site sediment control methods will not likely keep the sediment transport to less than one ton per acre per year. The local jurisdictions may establish additional requirements for meeting an equivalent degree of control. Any sediment basin constructed must be sized using 1.5 feet minimum sediment storage depth plus 2.0 feet storage depth above for a settlement zone. The storage capacity of the basin must be sized to store all of the sediment that is likely to be transported and collected during construction while the erosion potential exists. When the erosion potential has been removed, the sediment basin, or other sediment control facilities, can be removed and the site restored as per the final site plan. All sediment basins must be constructed with an emergency overflow to prevent erosion or failure of the containment dike; or
 - (B) A soil erosion control matrix derived from and consistent with the universal soil equation approved by the jurisdiction or the Department.

(c) The Director may modify Appendix 1 as necessary without approval from the Environmental Quality Commission. The Director may modify Appendix 1 to simplify it and to make it easier for people to apply;

(d) Subsection (5)(e) of this rule applies to any new land development within the Tualatin River and Oswego Lake subbasins, except:

(A) Those developments with application dates prior to June 1, 1990. The application date is the date on which a complete application for development approval is received by the local jurisdiction in accordance with the regulations of the local jurisdiction;

(B) One and two family dwellings on existing lots of record;

(C) Sewer lines, water lines, utilities or other land development that will not directly increase nonpoint source pollution once construction has been completed and the site is either restored to or not altered from its approximate original condition;

(D) If the Environmental Quality Commission determines that a jurisdiction does not need to require stormwater quality control facilities for new development;

(E) When a jurisdiction adopts ordinances that provide for a stormwater quality program equivalent to subsection (e) of this section. Ordinances adopted to implement equivalent programs must:

(i) Encourage on-site retention of stormwater, require phosphorus removal equivalent to the removal efficiency required by subsection (e) of this section, provide for adequate operation and maintenance of stormwater quality control facilities, and require financial assurance, or equivalent security that assures construction of the stormwater quality control facilities required by the ordinance;

(ii) If the ordinances provide for exemptions other than those allowed for by paragraphs (B) and (C) of this subsection, the ordinances must provide for collection of in-lieu fees or other equivalent mechanisms that assure financing for, and construction of, associated, off-site stormwater quality control facilities.

No exemption may be allowed if the jurisdiction is not meeting an approved schedule for identifying location of the off-site stormwater quality control facility to serve the development requesting an exemption.

(e) For new development, no plat, site plan, building permit or public works project may be approved by any jurisdiction in these subbasins unless the conditions of the plat, permit or plan approval require permanent stormwater quality control facilities to control phosphorus loadings associated with stormwater runoff from the development site. Jurisdictions must encourage and provide preference to techniques and methods that prevent and minimize pollutants from entering the storm and surface water systems. Permanent stormwater quality control facilities for phosphorus must meet the following requirements:

(A) The stormwater quality control facilities must be designed to achieve a phosphorus removal efficiency as calculated from the following equation:

$$R_p = 100 - 24.5/R_v$$

Where:

R_p = Required phosphorus removal efficiency

R_v = Average site runoff coefficient

The average site runoff coefficient can be calculated from the following equation:

$$R_v = (0.7 \times A_1) + (0.3 \times A_2) + (0.7 \times A_3) + (0.05 \times A_4) + (A_5 \times 0.0)$$

Where:

A1 = fraction of total area that is paved streets with curbs and that drain to storm sewers or open ditches.

A2 = fraction of total area that is paved streets that drain to water quality swales located on site.

A3 = fraction of total area that is building roof and paved parking that drains to storm sewers.

A4 = fraction of total area that is grass, trees and marsh areas.

A5 = fraction of total area for which runoff will be collected and retained on site with no direct discharge to surface waters.

(B) A jurisdiction may modify the equation for R_v to allow the application of additional runoff coefficients associated with land surfaces not identified in this subsection. The Department must be notified in writing whenever an additional runoff coefficient is used. The use of additional runoff coefficients must be based on scientific data. The jurisdiction must discontinue use of an additional runoff coefficient if the Department objects to its use in writing within ten days of receiving notification;

(C) The stormwater quality control facilities must be designed to meet the removal efficiency specified in paragraph (A) of this subsection for a mean summertime storm event totaling 0.36 inches of precipitation with an average return period of 96 hours;

(D) The removal efficiency specified in paragraph (A) of this subsection specify only design requirements and are not intended to be used as a basis for performance evaluation or compliance determination of the stormwater quality control facility installed or constructed pursuant to this subsection;

(E) Stormwater quality control facilities required by this subsection may be approved by a jurisdiction only if the following are met:

(i) For developments larger than one acre, the plat or site plan must include plans and a certification prepared by an Oregon registered, professional engineer that the proposed stormwater control facilities have been designed in accordance with criteria expected to achieve removal efficiencies for total phosphorus required by paragraph (A) of this subsection;

(ii) The plat or site plan must be consistent with the area and associated runoff coefficients used to determine the removal efficiency required in paragraph (A) of this subsection;

(iii) A financial assurance, or equivalent security acceptable to the jurisdiction, must be provided by the developer with the jurisdiction that assures that the stormwater control facilities are constructed according to the plans established in the plat or site plan approval. Where practicable, the jurisdiction must combine the financial assurance required by this rule with other financial assurance requirements imposed by the jurisdiction;

(iv) Each jurisdiction that constructs or authorizes construction of permanent stormwater quality control facilities must file with the Department, an operation

and maintenance plan for the stormwater quality control facilities within its jurisdiction. The operation and maintenance plan must allow for public or private ownership, operation, and maintenance of individual permanent stormwater quality control facilities. The jurisdiction or private operator must operate and maintain the permanent stormwater control facilities in accordance with the operation and maintenance plan.

(f) Except as required by paragraph (D) of this subsection, the jurisdiction may grant an exception to subsection (e) of this section if the jurisdiction chooses to adopt and, on a case-by-case basis, impose a one time in-lieu fee. The fee will be an option where, because of the size of the development, topography, or other factors, the jurisdiction determines that the construction of on-site permanent stormwater treatment systems is impracticable or undesirable:

(A) The in-lieu fee will be based upon a reasonable estimate of the current, prorated cost for the jurisdiction to provide stormwater quality control facilities for the land development being assessed the fee. Estimated costs include costs associated with off-site land and rights-of-way acquisition, design, construction and construction inspection;

(B) The jurisdiction must deposit any in-lieu fees collected pursuant to this paragraph in an account dedicated only to reimbursing the jurisdiction for expenses related to off-site land and rights-of-way acquisition, design, construction and construction inspection of stormwater quality control facilities;

(C) The ordinance establishing the in-lieu fee must include provisions that reduce the fee in proportion to the ratio of the site's average runoff coefficient (R_v), as established according to the equation in paragraph (6)(e)(A) of this rule;

(D) No new development may be granted an exemption if the jurisdiction is not meeting an approved time schedule for identifying the location for the off-site stormwater quality control facilities that would serve that development.

(g) The Department may approve other mechanisms that allow jurisdictions to grant exemptions to new development. The Department may only approve those mechanisms that assure financing for off-site stormwater quality control facilities and that encourage or require on-site retention where feasible;

(h) Subsection (b) of this section apply until a jurisdiction adopts ordinances that provide for a program equivalent to subsection (b) of this section, or the Environmental Quality Commission determines such a program is not necessary when it approves the jurisdiction's program plan required by OAR 340-041-0470(2)(g).

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The Three Basin Rule: Clackamas, McKenzie (above RM 15) & the North Santiam

(1) In order to preserve or improve the existing high quality water for municipal water supplies, recreation, and preservation of aquatic life, new or increased waste discharges must be prohibited, except as provided by this rule, to the waters of:

- (a) The Clackamas River Subbasin;
 - (b) The McKenzie River Subbasin above the Hayden Bridge (river mile 15);
 - (c) The North Santiam River Subbasin.
- (2) Except as otherwise provided for in this rule, this rule becomes effective and applies to all permits pending or applied for after the date of filing with the Secretary of State.
- (3) Special Definitions. The following special definitions apply to this rule:
- (a) "Waste Discharges" are defined to mean any discharge that requires and NPDES permit, WPCF permit, or 401 Certification. Individual on-site sewage disposal systems subject to issuance of a construction-installation permit; domestic sewage facilities that discharge less than 5,000 gallons per day under WPCF permit; biosolids land applied within agronomic loading rates pursuant to OAR chapter 340, division 50; and reclaimed domestic waste water land applied at agronomic rates pursuant to OAR chapter 340, division 55 are excluded from this definition.
 - (b) "Existing Discharges" are defined as those discharges from point sources which existed prior to January 28, 1994;
 - (c) "Existing Facilities" are defined as those for which construction started prior to January 28, 1994. Where existing facilities are exempted from requirements placed on new facilities, the exemption applies only to the specific permit(s) addressed in the subsection which allows the exemption;
 - (d) "New" NPDES and WPCF permits are defined to include permits for potential or existing discharges which did not previously have a permit, and existing discharges which have a permit, but request an increased load limitation;
 - (e) "Agronomic Loading Rate" means the application of biosolids or reclaimed effluent to the land at a rate which is designed to:
 - (A) Provide the quantity of plant nutrients, usually nitrogen, needed by a food crop, feed crop, fiber crop, cover crop or other vegetation grown on the land; and
 - (B) Minimize the quantity of nitrogen or other nutrients from land applied materials that pass below the root zone of the crop or vegetation grown on the land to groundwater.
 - (f) "Biosolids" means solids derived from primary, secondary, or advanced treatment of domestic wastewater which have been treated through one or more controlled processes that significantly reduce pathogens and reduce volatile solids or chemical stabilize solids to the extent that they do not attract vectors. This term refers to domestic wastewater treatment facility solids that have undergone adequate treatment to permit their land application;
 - (g) "Reclaimed Wastewater" means treated effluent from a domestic wastewater treatment system which, as a result of treatment, is suitable for a direct beneficial purpose or a controlled use that could not otherwise occur.
- (4) To respond to emergencies or to otherwise avoid imminent serious danger to public health or welfare, the Director or designee may allow lower water quality on a short-term basis.
- (5) The Director or a designee may renew or transfer NPDES and WPCF permits for existing facilities. Existing facilities with NPDES permits may not be granted

increases in their permitted mass load limitations. The following restrictions and exceptions apply:

- (a) The Department may conduct an inspection prior to permit renewal. Existing sources with general permits that are found not to qualify for a general permit, and who wish to continue discharging, must apply for an individual permit;
- (b) Fish hatcheries (General Permit 300) and log ponds (General Permit 400) are required to apply for an individual permit at the time of permit renewal;
- (c) Additional industrial, confined animal feeding operations, or domestic waste loads that are irrigated on land at agronomic rates or that otherwise meet the conditions of section (7) of this rule is not be considered to be an increase in the permitted wasteload.
- (6) The Director or a designee may issue the following General Permits or Certifications subject to the conditions of the Permit or Certification:
 - (a) Stormwater construction activities (General Permits 1200C and 1200CA);
 - (b) Underground storage tank cleanups using best available treatment technology (General Permit 1500);
 - (c) Non-contact cooling water (General Permit 100);
 - (d) Filter backwash (General Permit 200);
 - (e) Boiler blowdown water (General Permit 500);
 - (f) Suction dredging (General Permit 700) only in portions of the basins that are not designated as Scenic Waterways under ORS 390.805 to 390.925;
 - (g) Federal Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certifications.
- (7) Long-term general and individual stormwater permits may be allowed as required by State and/or Federal law. The following requirements apply:
 - (a) New stormwater discharge permit holders must maintain a monitoring and water quality evaluation program that is effective in evaluation of the in-stream water quality impacts of the discharge; and
 - (b) When sufficient data is available to do so, the Department will assess the water quality impacts of stormwater discharges. Within a subbasin, if the proportion of total degradation that is contributed by the stormwater is determined to be significant compared to that of other permitted sources, or if the Department determines that reducing degradation due to stormwater is cost-effective when compared to other available pollution control options, the Department may institute regulatory mechanisms or modify permit conditions to require control technologies and/or practices that result in protection that is greater than that required Statewide.
- (8) Industrial waste discharge sources, confined animal feeding operations, and domestic sewage treatment facilities must meet the following conditions:
 - (a) No NPDES permits for new industrial or new confined animal feeding operation waste discharges, or new domestic sewage treatment facilities may be issued, except as allowed under sections (3), (4), (5), and (6) of this rule;
 - (b) The Department may issue WPCF permits for new industrial or confined animal feeding operation waste discharges provided:
 - (A) There is no waste discharge to surface water; and
 - (B) All groundwater quality protection requirements of OAR 340-040-0030 are met. Neither the Department nor the Commission may grant a concentration limit

variance as provided in OAR 340-040-0030, unless the Commission finds that all appropriate groundwater quality protection requirements and compliance monitoring are met and there will be no measurable change in the water quality of the surface water that would be potentially affected by the proposed facility. For any variance request, a public hearing must be held prior to Commission action on the request.

(c) The Department may issue WPCF permits for new domestic sewage treatment facilities provided there is no waste discharge to surface water and provided:

(A) All groundwater quality protection requirements of OAR 340-040-0030 are met. Neither the Department nor the Commission may grant a concentration limit variance as provided in OAR 340-040-0030, unless the Commission finds that all appropriate groundwater quality protection requirements and compliance monitoring are met and there will be no measurable change in the water quality of the surface water that would be potentially affected by the proposed facility. For any variance request, a public hearing must be held and the permit application will be evaluated according to paragraphs (B) and (C) of this subsection;

(B) The Commission finds that the proposed new domestic sewage treatment facility provides a preferable means of sewage collection, treatment and disposal as compared to individual on-site sewage disposal systems. To be preferable, the Commission must find that one of the following criteria applies:

(i) The new sewage treatment facility will eliminate a significant number of failing individual on-site sewage disposal systems that cannot be otherwise reliably and cost-effectively repaired; or

(ii) The new sewage treatment facility will treat domestic sewage that would otherwise be treated by individual on-site sewage disposal systems, from which the cumulative impact to groundwater is projected to be greater than that from the new facility; or

(iii) If an individual on-site sewage disposal system, or several such systems, would not normally be utilized, a new sewage treatment facility may be allowed if the Commission finds that the social and economic benefits of the discharge outweigh the possible environmental impacts.

(C) Applicants for domestic wastewater WPCF permits must meet the following requirements:

(i) Application must be for an individual permit; and

(ii) The proposed discharge must not include wastes that incapacitate the treatment system; and

(iii) The facility must be operated or supervised by a certified wastewater treatment plant operator as required in OAR 340-049-0015, except as exempted by ORS 448.430; and

(iv) An annual written certification of proper treatment and disposal system operation must be obtained from a qualified Registered Sanitarian, Professional Engineer, or certified wastewater treatment system operator.

(9) The Environmental Quality Commission may investigate, together with any other affected State agencies, the means of maintaining at least existing minimum flow during the summer low flow period.

(10) In order to improve water quality within the Yamhill River subbasin to meet the existing water quality standard for pH, the following special rules for total maximum daily loads, waste load allocations, load allocations and program plans are established:

(a) After completion of wastewater control facilities and program plans approved by the Commission under this rule and no later than June 30, 1994, no activities may be allowed and no wastewater may be discharged to the Yamhill River or its tributaries without the authorization of the Commission that cause the monthly median concentration of total phosphorus to exceed 70 ug/1 as measured during the low flow period between approximately May 1 and October 31*** of each year;

(b) Within 90 days of adoption of these rules, the Cities of McMinnville and Lafayette must submit a program plan and time schedule to the Department describing how and when they will modify their sewerage facility to comply with this rule;

(c) Final program plans will be reviewed and approved by the Commission. The Commission may define alternative compliance dates as program plans are approved. All proposed final program plans must be subject to public hearing prior to consideration for approval by the Commission;

(d) The Department will within 60 days of adoption of these rules distribute initial waste load allocations and load allocations to the point and nonpoint sources in the basin. These allocations are considered interim and may be redistributed based upon the conclusions of the approved program plans.

***Precise dates for complying with this rule may be conditioned on physical conditions (i.e., flow, temperature) of the receiving water and may be specified in individual permits or memorandums of understanding issued by the Department. The Department may consider system design flows, river travel times, and other relevant information when establishing the specific conditions to be inserted in the permits or memorandums of understanding.

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